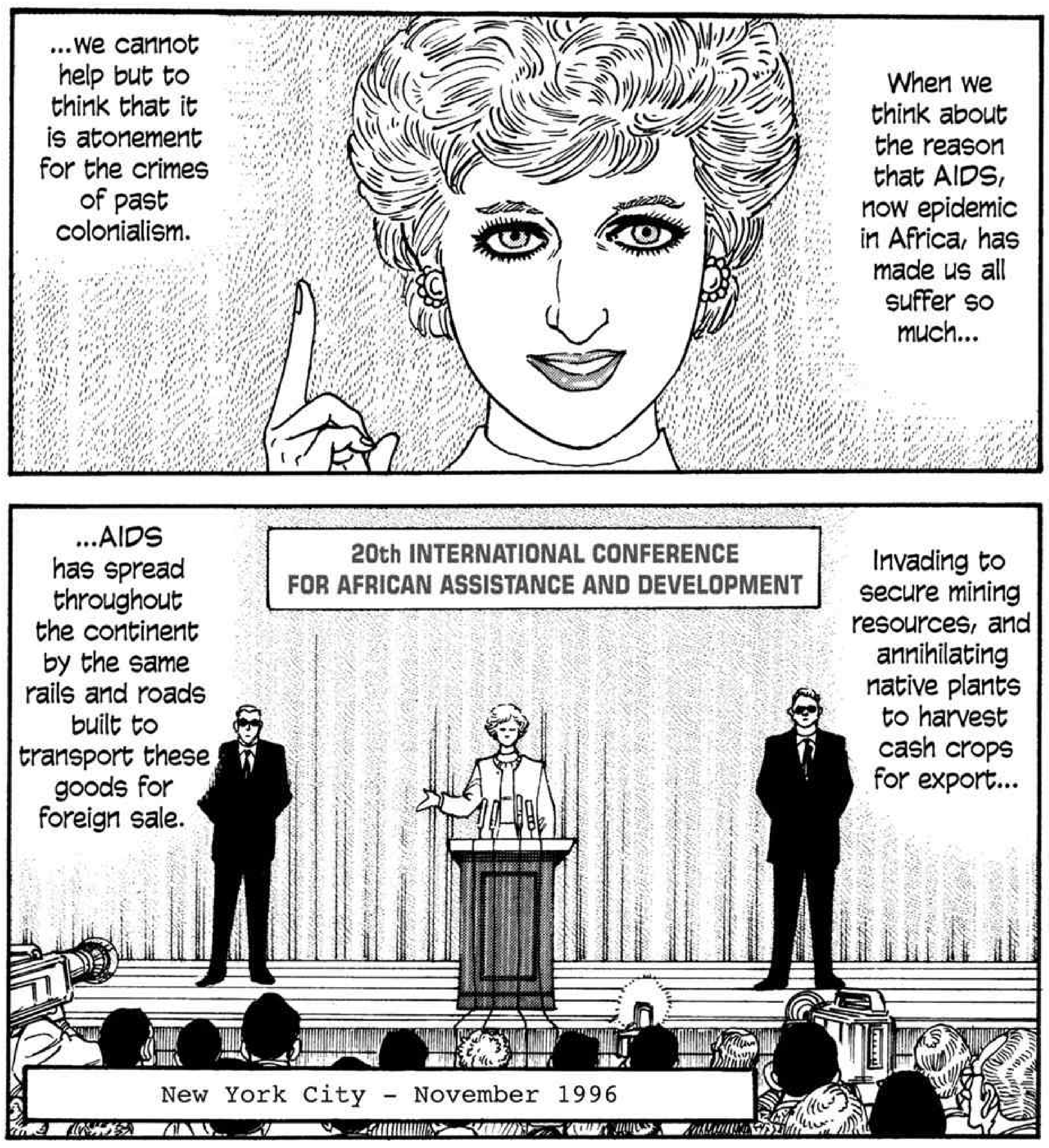
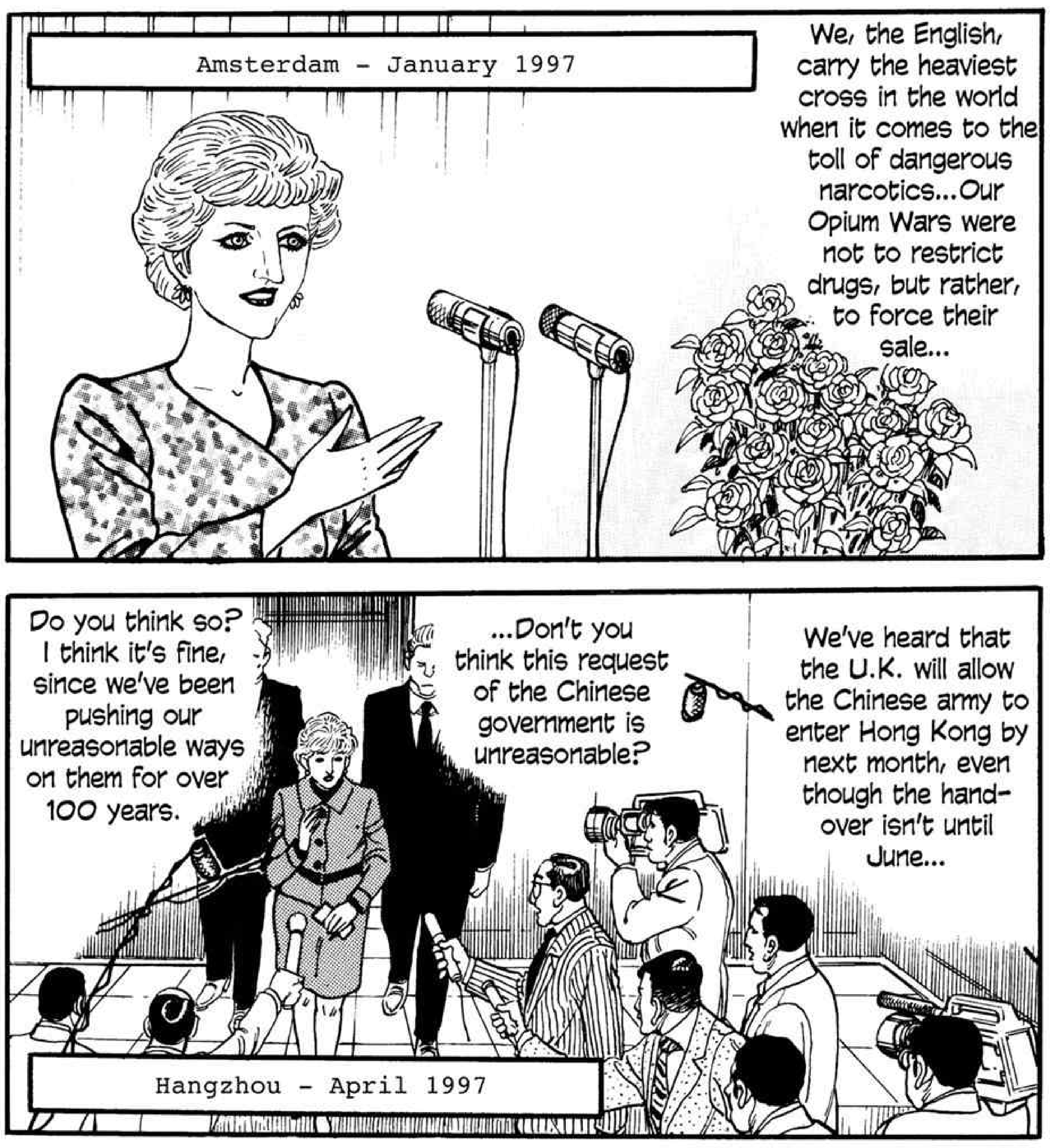
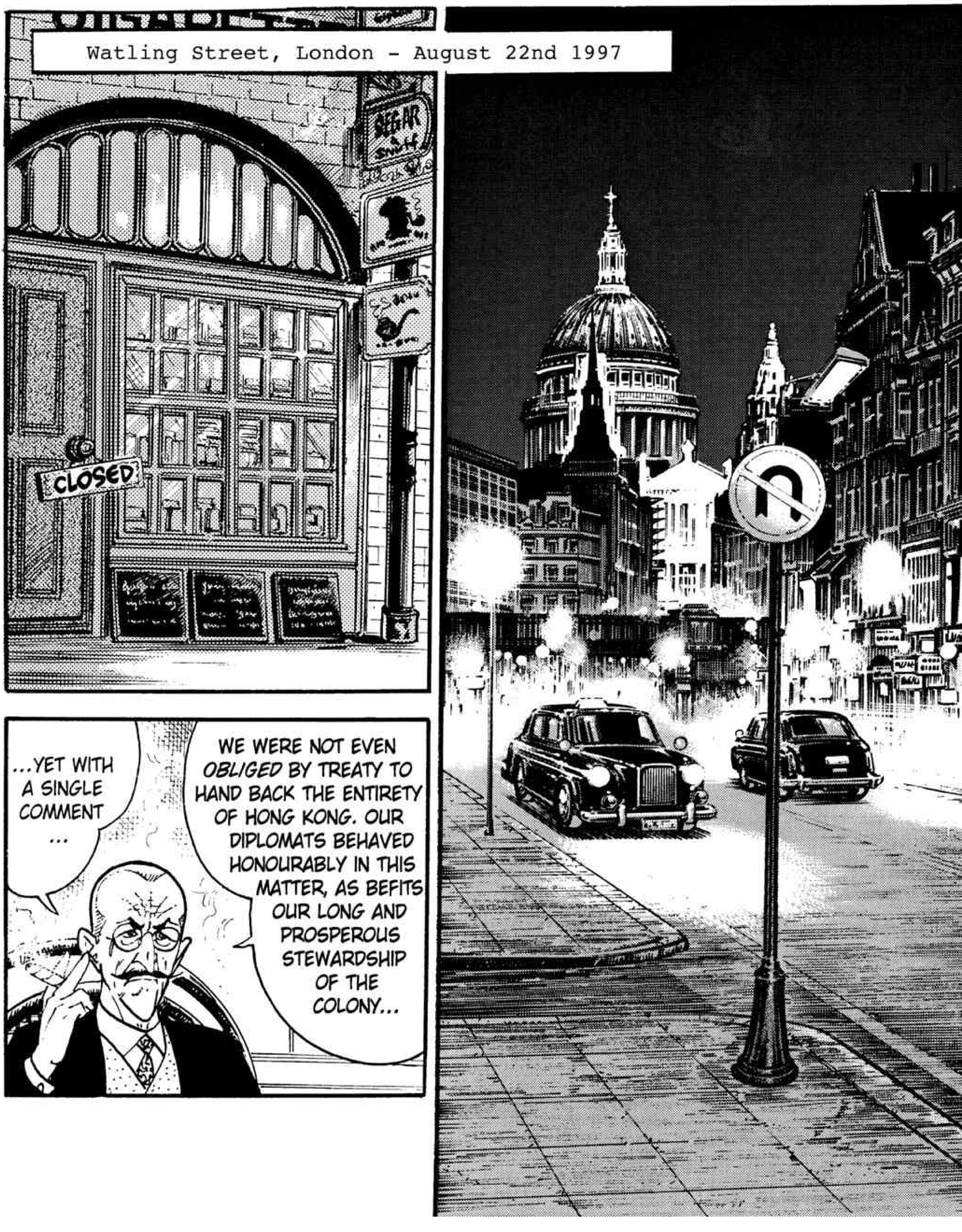
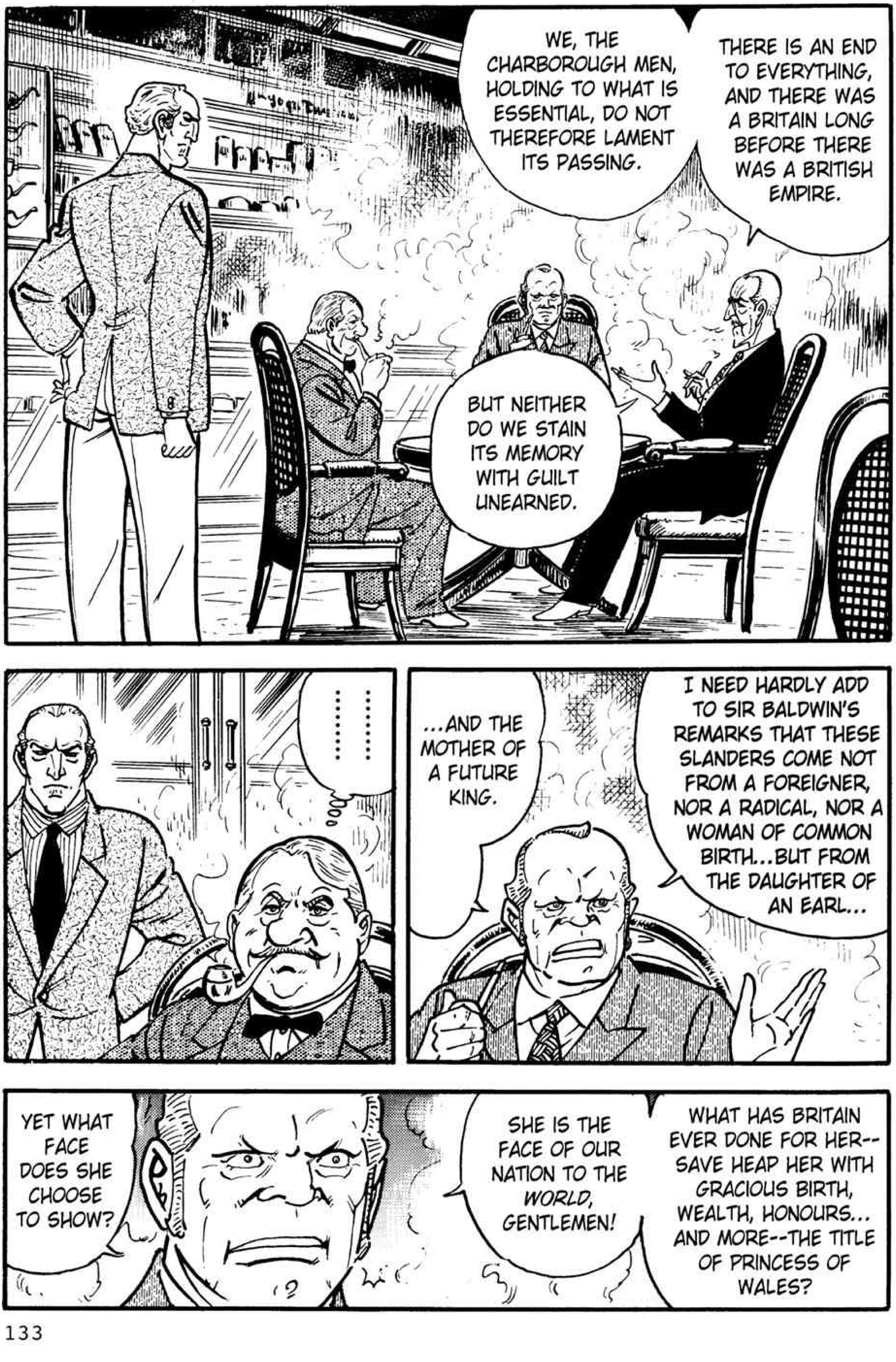
ENGLISH ROSE

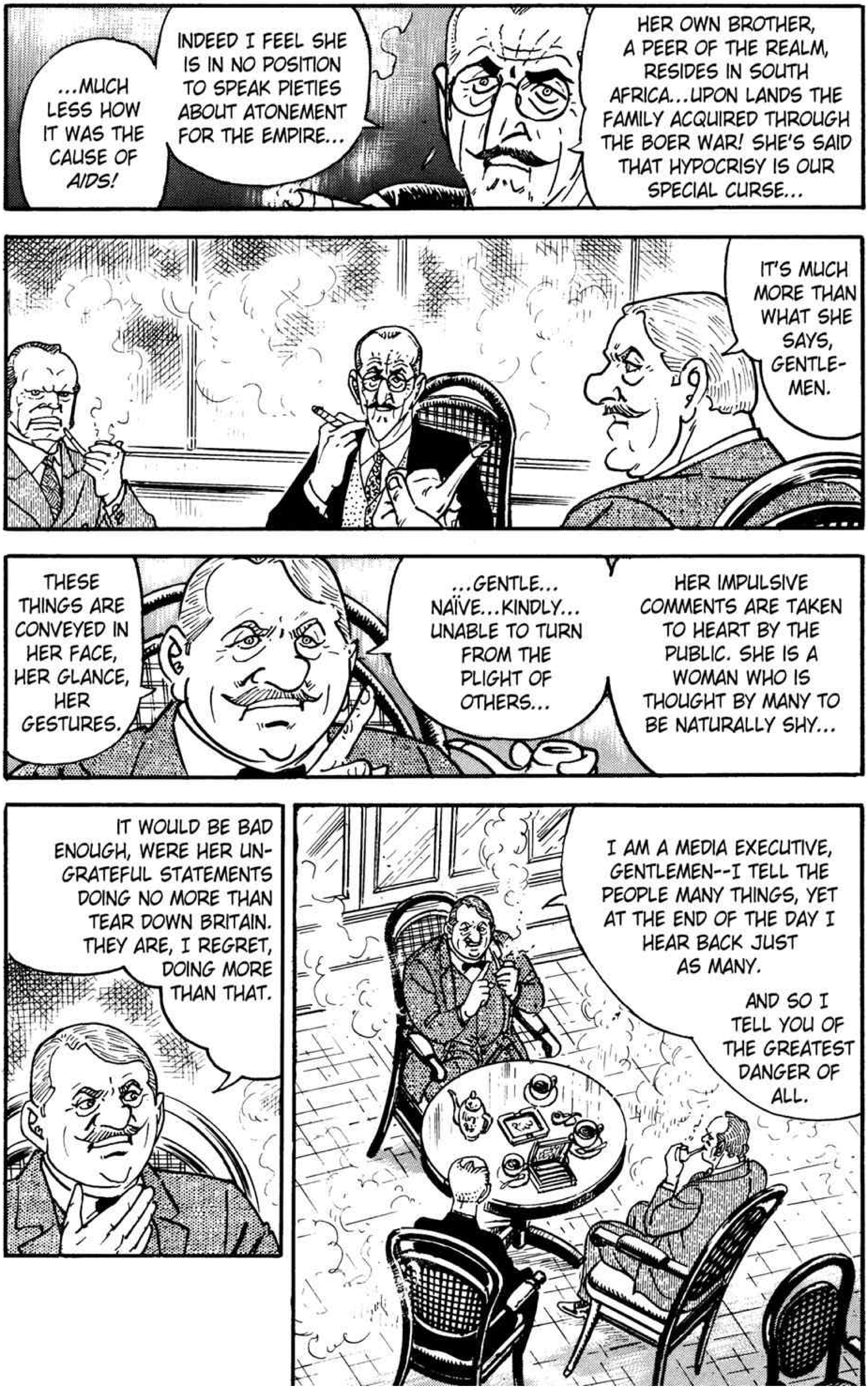

When we think about the reason that AIDS, now epidemic in Africa, has made us all suffer so much...
...we cannot help but to think that it is atonement for the crimes of past colonialism.
20th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICAN ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
Invading to secure mining resources, and annihilating native plants to harvest cash crops for export...
...AIDS has spread throughout the continent by the same rails and roads built to transport these goods for foreign sale.
New York City - November 1996

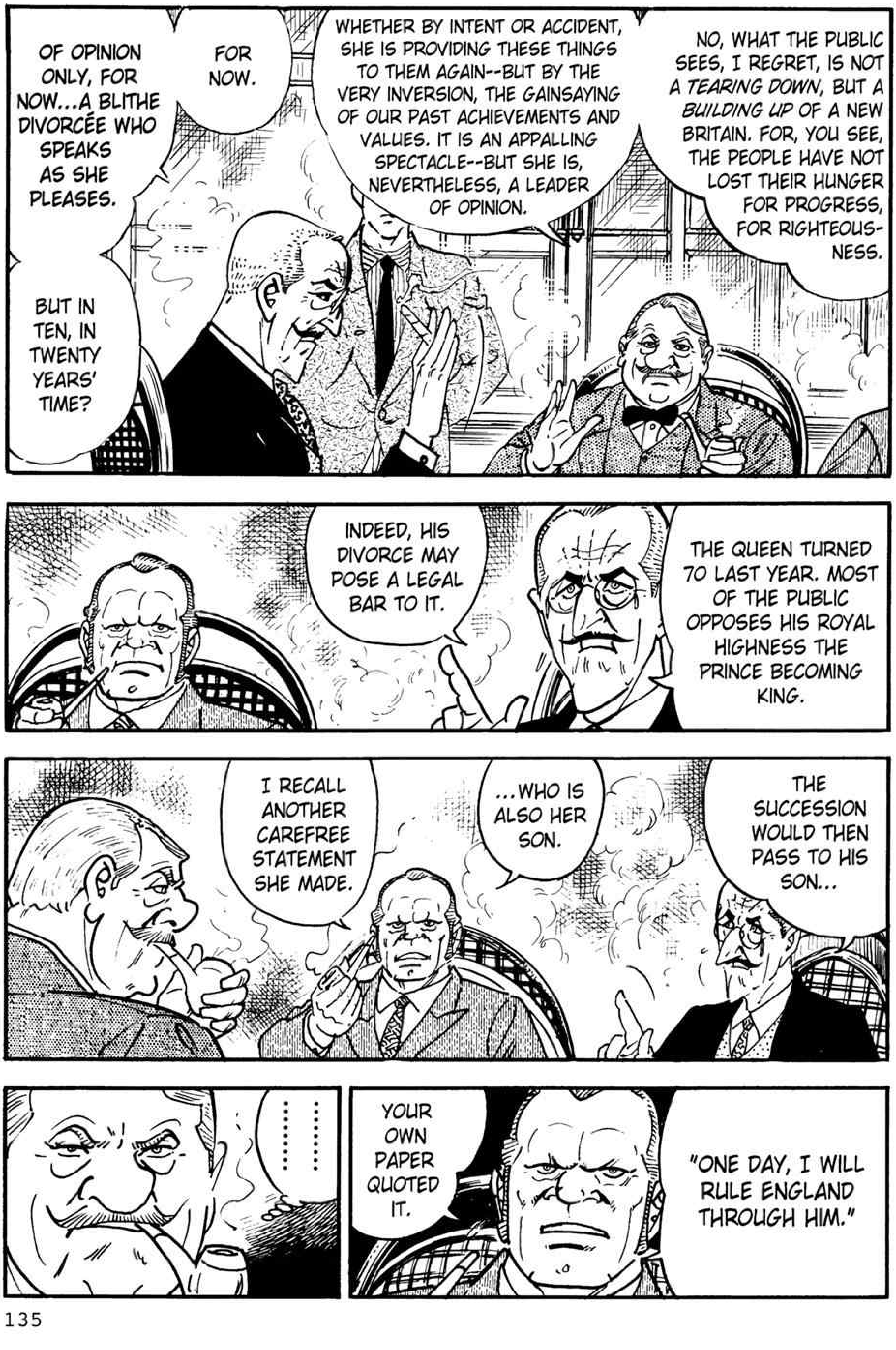

Amsterdam - January 1997
We, the English, carry the heaviest cross in the world when it comes to the toll of dangerous narcotics...Our Opium Wars were not to restrict drugs, but rather, to force their sale...
We've heard that the U.K. will allow the Chinese army to enter Hong Kong by next month, even though the hand-over isn't until June...
...Don't you think this request of the Chinese government is unreasonable?
Do you think so? I think it's fine, since we've been pushing our unreasonable ways on them for over 100 years.
Hangzhou - April 1997

PART 1 ONE DAY I WILL RULE


Watling Street, London - August 22nd 1997
CLOSED
WE WERE NOT EVEN *OBLIGED* BY TREATY TO HAND BACK THE ENTIRETY OF HONG KONG. OUR DIPLOMATS BEHAVED HONOURABLY IN THIS MATTER, AS BEFITS OUR LONG AND PROSPEROUS STEWARDSHIP OF THE COLONY...
...YET WITH A SINGLE COMMENT ...


THERE IS AN END TO EVERYTHING, AND THERE WAS A BRITAIN LONG BEFORE THERE WAS A BRITISH EMPIRE.
WE, THE CHARBOROUGH MEN, HOLDING TO WHAT IS ESSENTIAL, DO NOT THEREFORE LAMENT ITS PASSING.
BUT NEITHER DO WE STAIN ITS MEMORY WITH GUILT UNEARNED.
I NEED HARDLY ADD TO SIR BALDWIN'S REMARKS THAT THESE SLANDERS COME NOT FROM A FOREIGNER, NOR A RADICAL, NOR A WOMAN OF COMMON BIRTH...BUT FROM THE DAUGHTER OF AN EARL...
...AND THE MOTHER OF A FUTURE KING.
......
WHAT HAS BRITAIN EVER DONE FOR HER--SAVE HEAP HER WITH GRACIOUS BIRTH, WEALTH, HONOURS... AND MORE--THE TITLE OF PRINCESS OF WALES?
SHE IS THE FACE OF OUR NATION TO THE *WORLD*, GENTLEMEN!
YET WHAT FACE DOES SHE CHOOSE TO SHOW?


HER OWN BROTHER, A PEER OF THE REALM, RESIDES IN SOUTH AFRICA...UPON LANDS THE FAMILY ACQUIRED THROUGH THE BOER WAR! SHE'S SAID THAT HYPOCRISY IS OUR SPECIAL CURSE...
INDEED I FEEL SHE IS IN NO POSITION TO SPEAK PIETIES ABOUT ATONEMENT FOR THE EMPIRE...
...MUCH LESS HOW IT WAS THE CAUSE OF *AIDS!*
IT'S MUCH MORE THAN WHAT SHE SAYS, GENTLEMEN.
HER IMPULSIVE COMMENTS ARE TAKEN TO HEART BY THE PUBLIC. SHE IS A WOMAN WHO IS THOUGHT BY MANY TO BE NATURALLY SHY...
...GENTLE... NAÏVE...KINDLY... UNABLE TO TURN FROM THE PLIGHT OF OTHERS...
THESE THINGS ARE CONVEYED IN HER FACE, HER GLANCE, HER GESTURES.
IT WOULD BE BAD ENOUGH, WERE HER UNGRATEFUL STATEMENTS DOING NO MORE THAN TEAR DOWN BRITAIN. THEY ARE, I REGRET, DOING MORE THAN THAT.
I AM A MEDIA EXECUTIVE, GENTLEMEN--I TELL THE PEOPLE MANY THINGS, YET AT THE END OF THE DAY I HEAR BACK JUST AS MANY.
AND SO I TELL YOU OF THE GREATEST DANGER OF ALL.


NO, WHAT THE PUBLIC SEES, I REGRET, IS NOT A *TEARING DOWN*, BUT A *BUILDING UP* OF A NEW BRITAIN. FOR, YOU SEE, THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT LOST THEIR HUNGER FOR PROGRESS, FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
WHETHER BY INTENT OR ACCIDENT, SHE IS PROVIDING THESE THINGS TO THEM AGAIN--BUT BY THE VERY INVERSION, THE GAINSAYING OF OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUES. IT IS AN APPALLING SPECTACLE--BUT SHE IS, NEVERTHELESS, A LEADER OF OPINION.
FOR NOW.
OF OPINION ONLY, FOR NOW...A BLITHE DIVORCÉE WHO SPEAKS AS SHE PLEASES.
BUT IN TEN, IN TWENTY YEARS' TIME?
THE QUEEN TURNED 70 LAST YEAR. MOST OF THE PUBLIC OPPOSES HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE BECOMING KING.
INDEED, HIS DIVORCE MAY POSE A LEGAL BAR TO IT.
THE SUCCESSION WOULD THEN PASS TO HIS SON...
...WHO IS ALSO HER SON.
I RECALL ANOTHER CAREFREE STATEMENT SHE MADE.
"ONE DAY, I WILL RULE ENGLAND THROUGH HIM."
YOUR OWN PAPER QUOTED IT.
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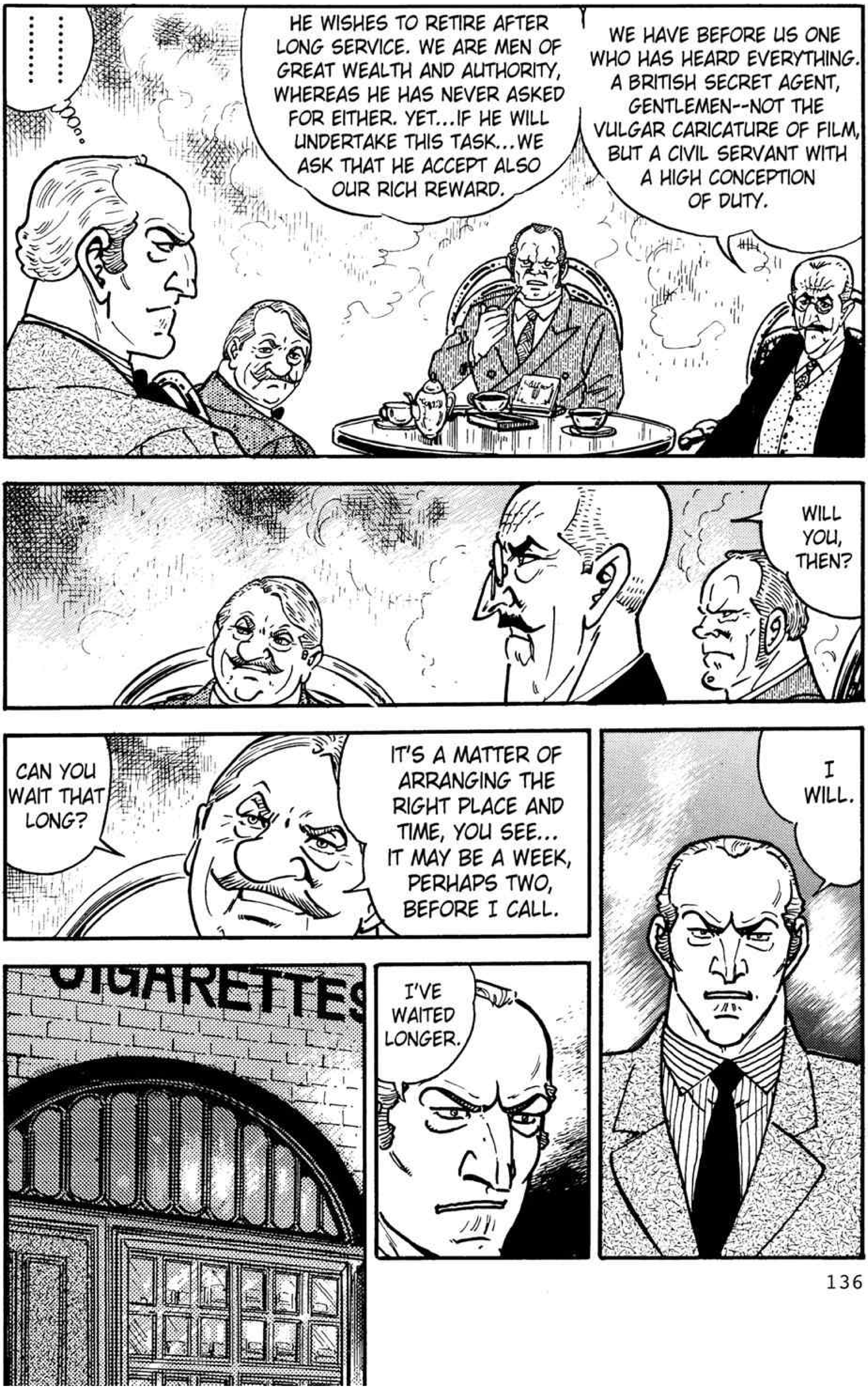
WE HAVE BEFORE US ONE WHO HAS HEARD EVERYTHING. A BRITISH SECRET AGENT, GENTLEMEN--NOT THE VULGAR CARICATURE OF FILM, BUT A CIVIL SERVANT WITH A HIGH CONCEPTION OF DUTY.
HE WISHES TO RETIRE AFTER LONG SERVICE. WE ARE MEN OF GREAT WEALTH AND AUTHORITY, WHEREAS HE HAS NEVER ASKED FOR EITHER. YET...IF HE WILL UNDERTAKE THIS TASK...WE ASK THAT HE ACCEPT ALSO OUR RICH REWARD.
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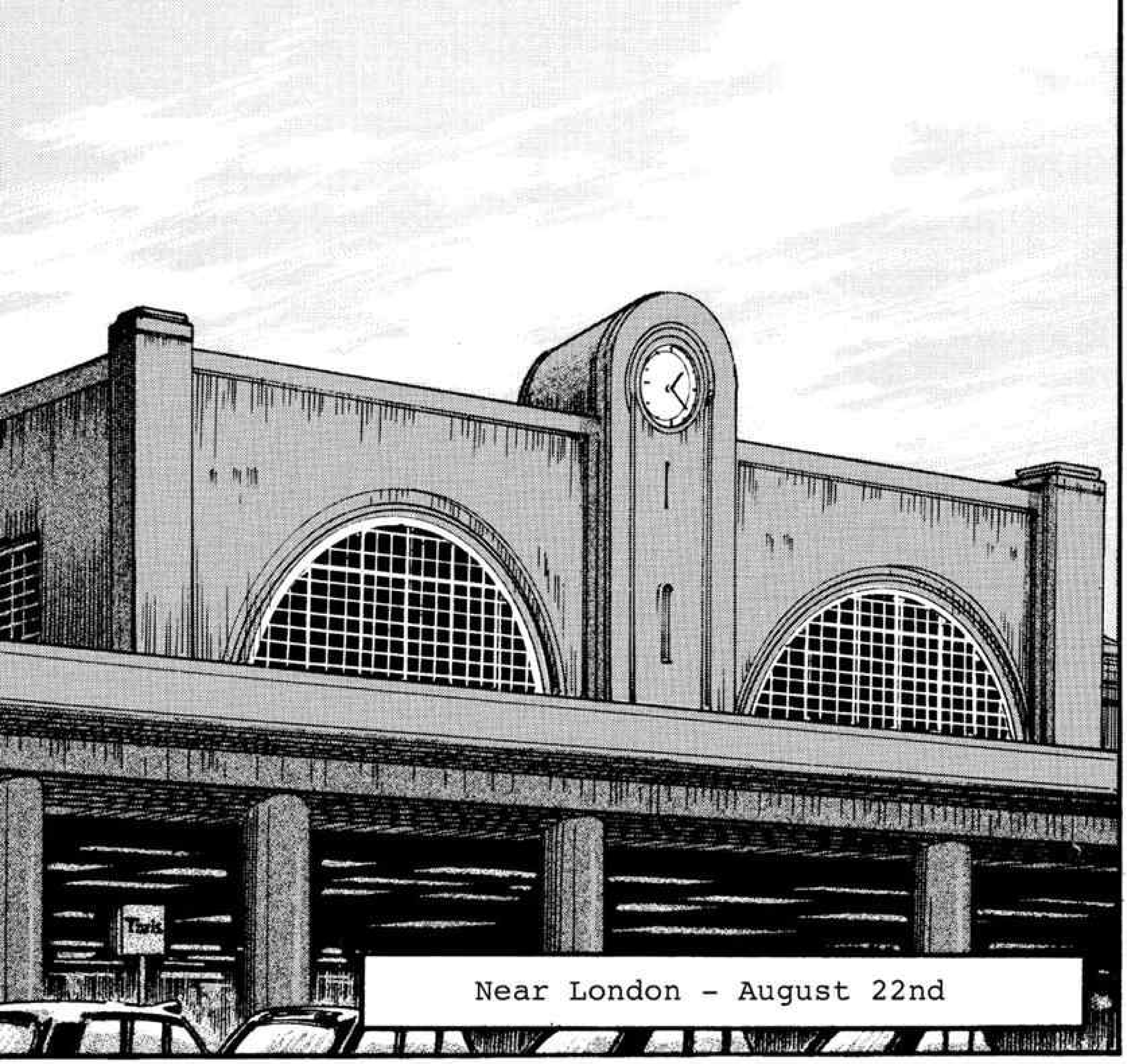
WILL YOU, THEN?
I WILL.
IT'S A MATTER OF ARRANGING THE RIGHT PLACE AND TIME, YOU SEE... IT MAY BE A WEEK, PERHAPS TWO, BEFORE I CALL.
CAN YOU WAIT THAT LONG?
I'VE WAITED LONGER.
CIGARETTES

PART 2

THE GARDEN OF ALBION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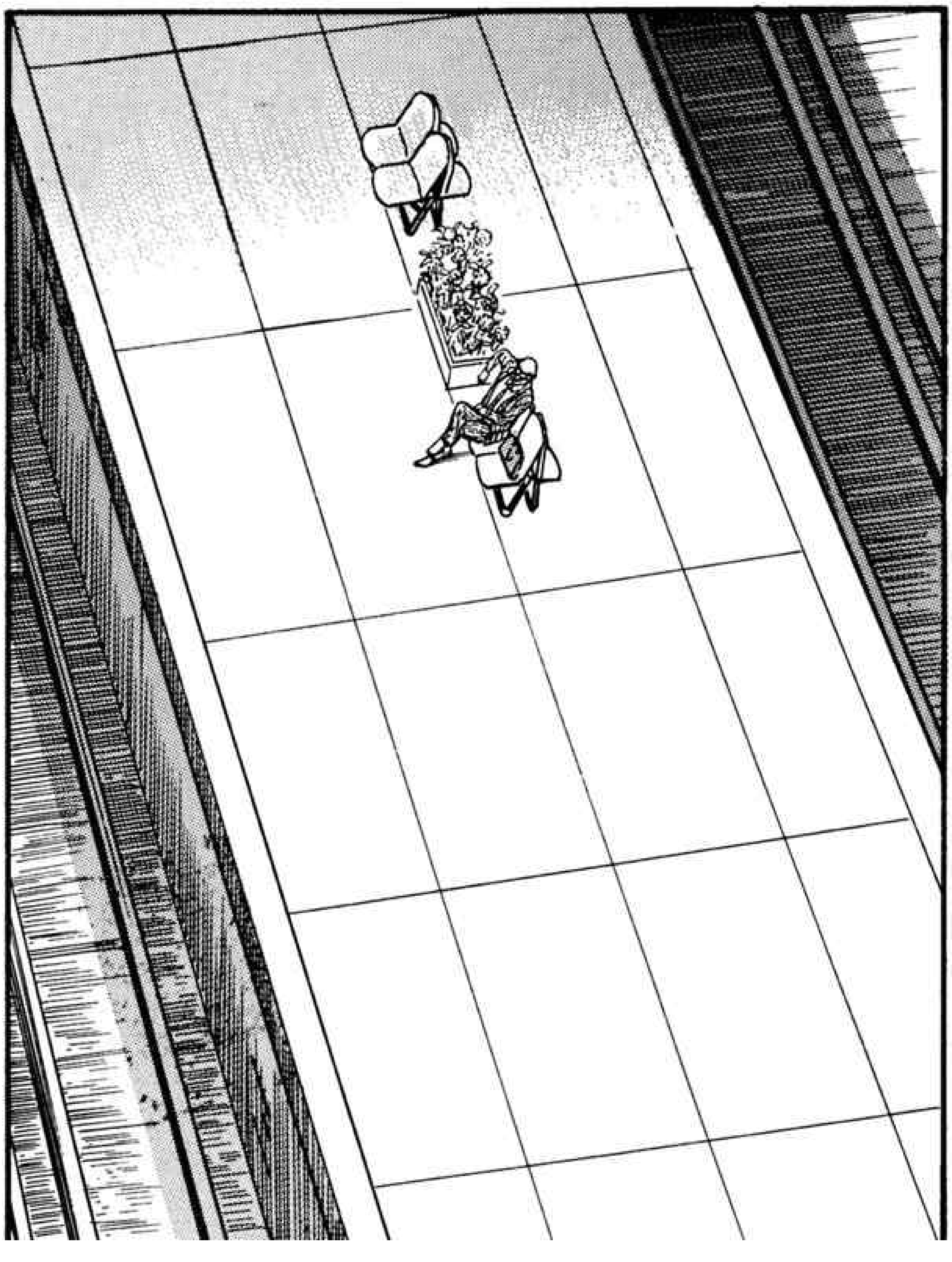

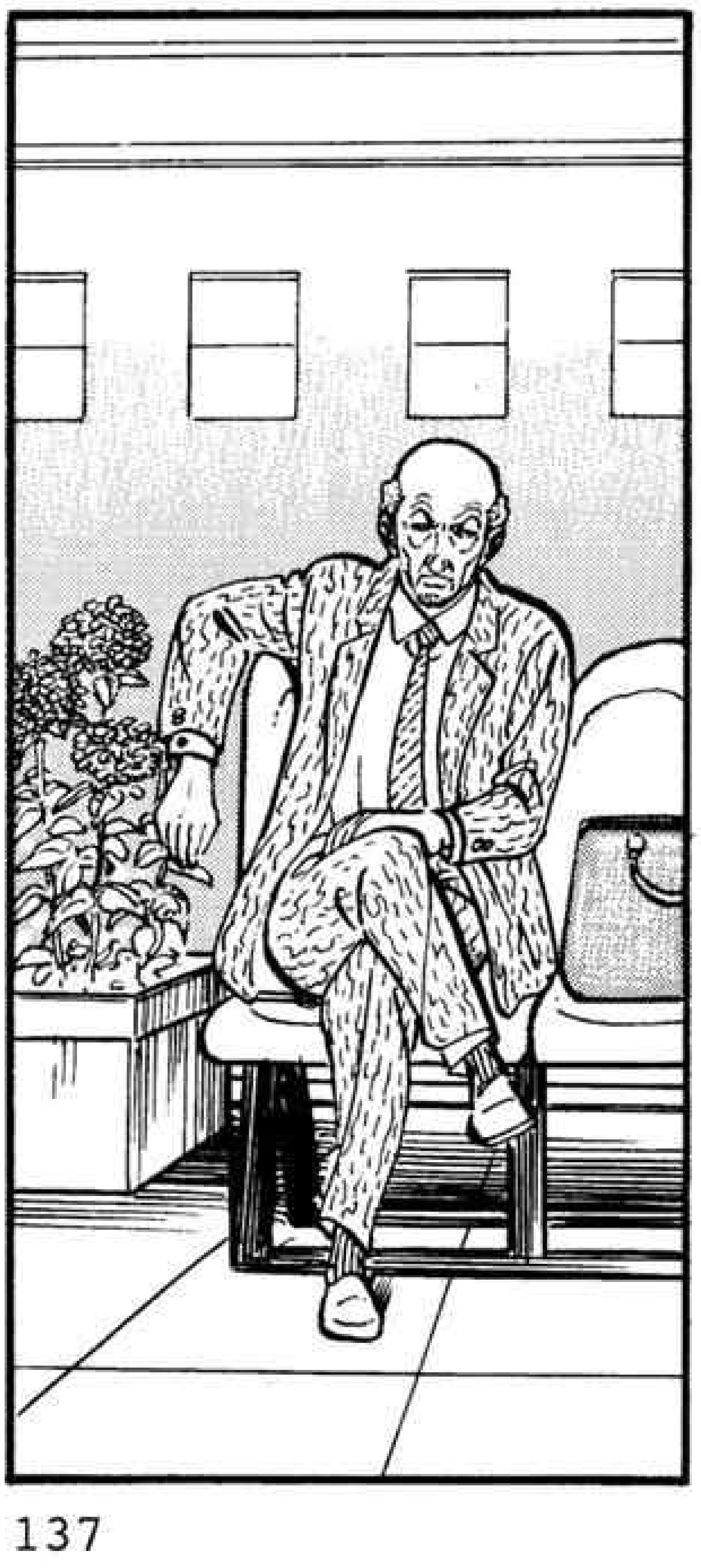

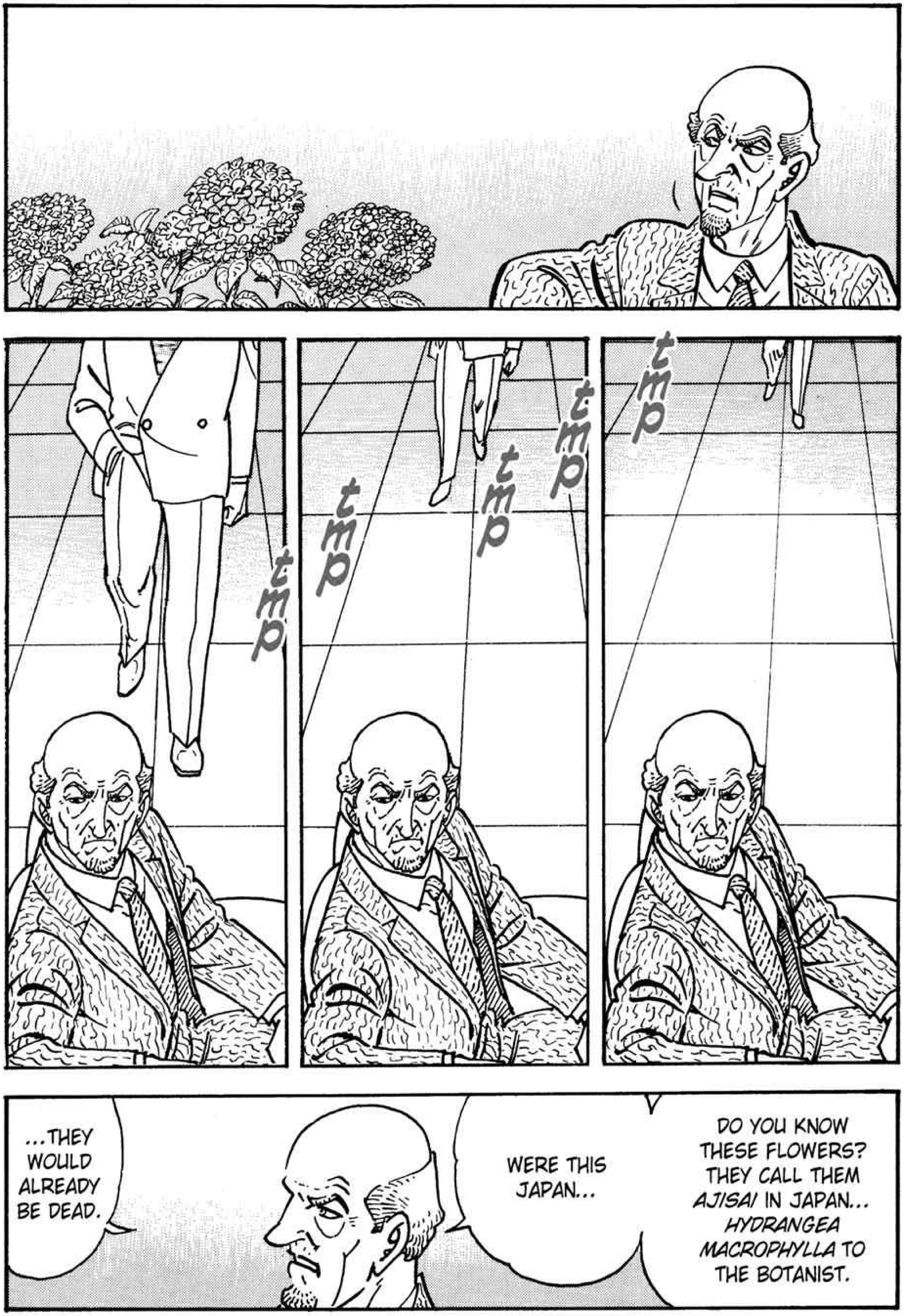
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DO YOU KNOW THESE FLOWERS? THEY CALL THEM *AJISAI* IN JAPAN... *HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA* TO THE BOTANIST.
WERE THIS JAPAN...
...THEY WOULD ALREADY BE DEAD.

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IN THE ORIENT, THEY BLOOM WITH THEIR CHANGING COLORS DURING THE RAINY SEASON. ODDLY, THEY PROSPER MORE OUTSIDE THEIR NATIVE LANDS.
THEY USED TO PLANT THEM IN THE COURTYARDS OF SAMURAI CASTLES... I IMAGINE THEY SAW MUCH BLOOD THERE.
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WE HAVE NO CLEAR RAINY SEASON HERE IN ENGLAND, NOR EITHER THE BLAZING SUN TO CUT THE BLOSSOMS DOWN. TRUST US TO PLANT THEM IN A TRAIN STATION...TO STAY IN BLOOM EVEN AS THE WORLD PASSES BY.
FORGIVE ME MY FANCIES, MR. TOGO. I'M SOMETHING OF A GARDENER.
DOES EVERYONE AT MI6 HAVE SUCH KNOWLEDGE ...?
"THE ROSES OF THE HUME FAMILY ARE SAID TO BE MAGNIFICENT..."
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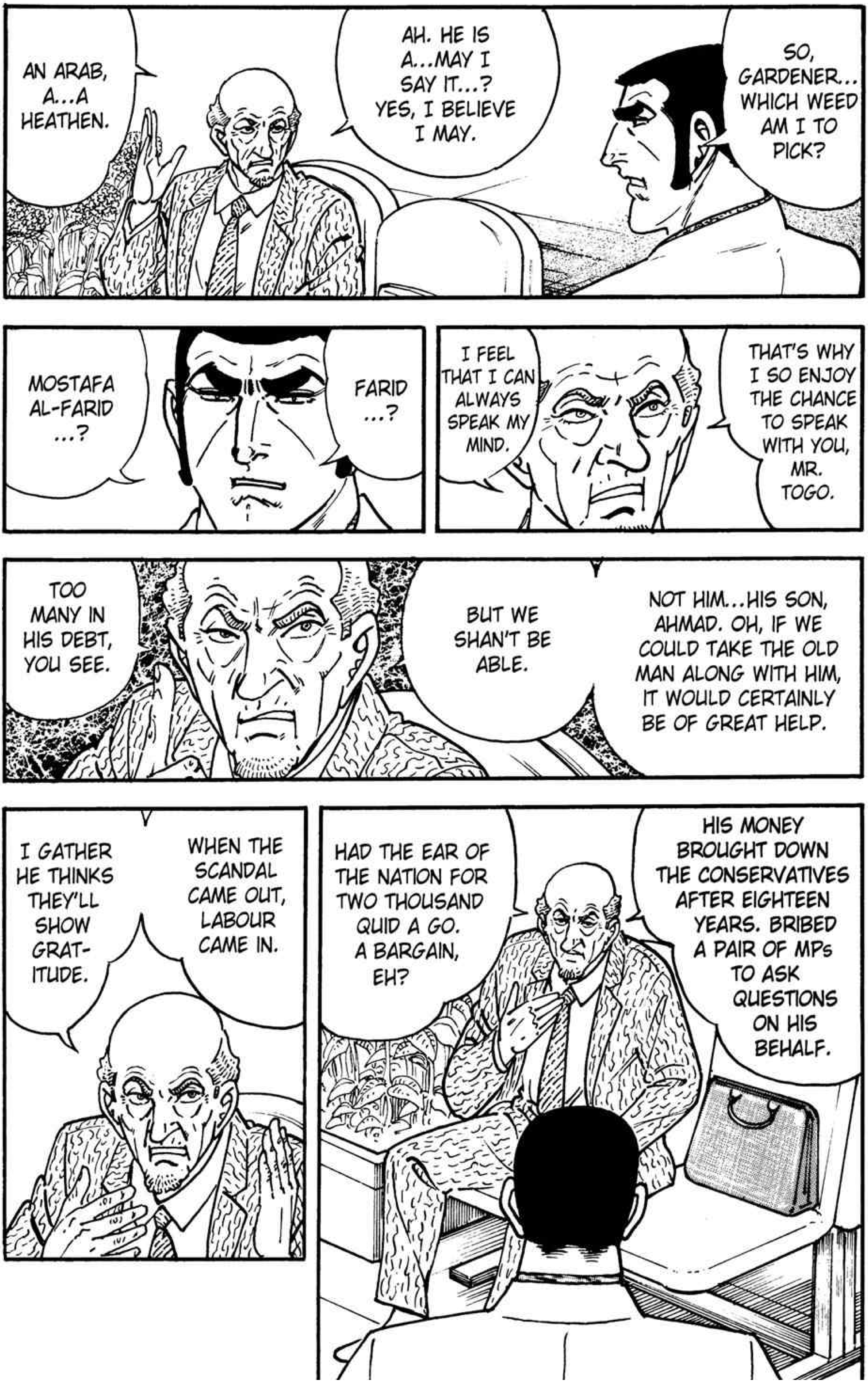
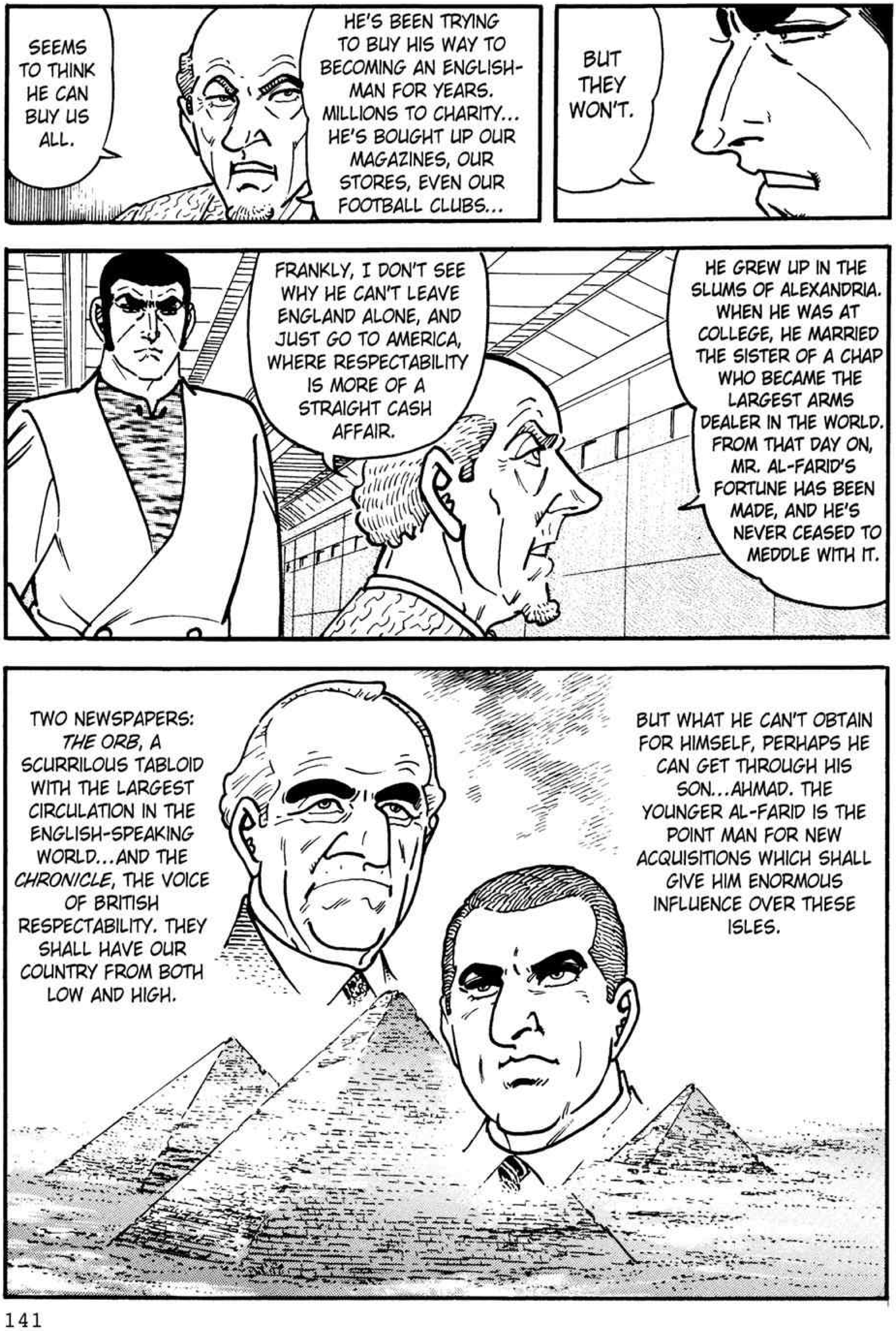
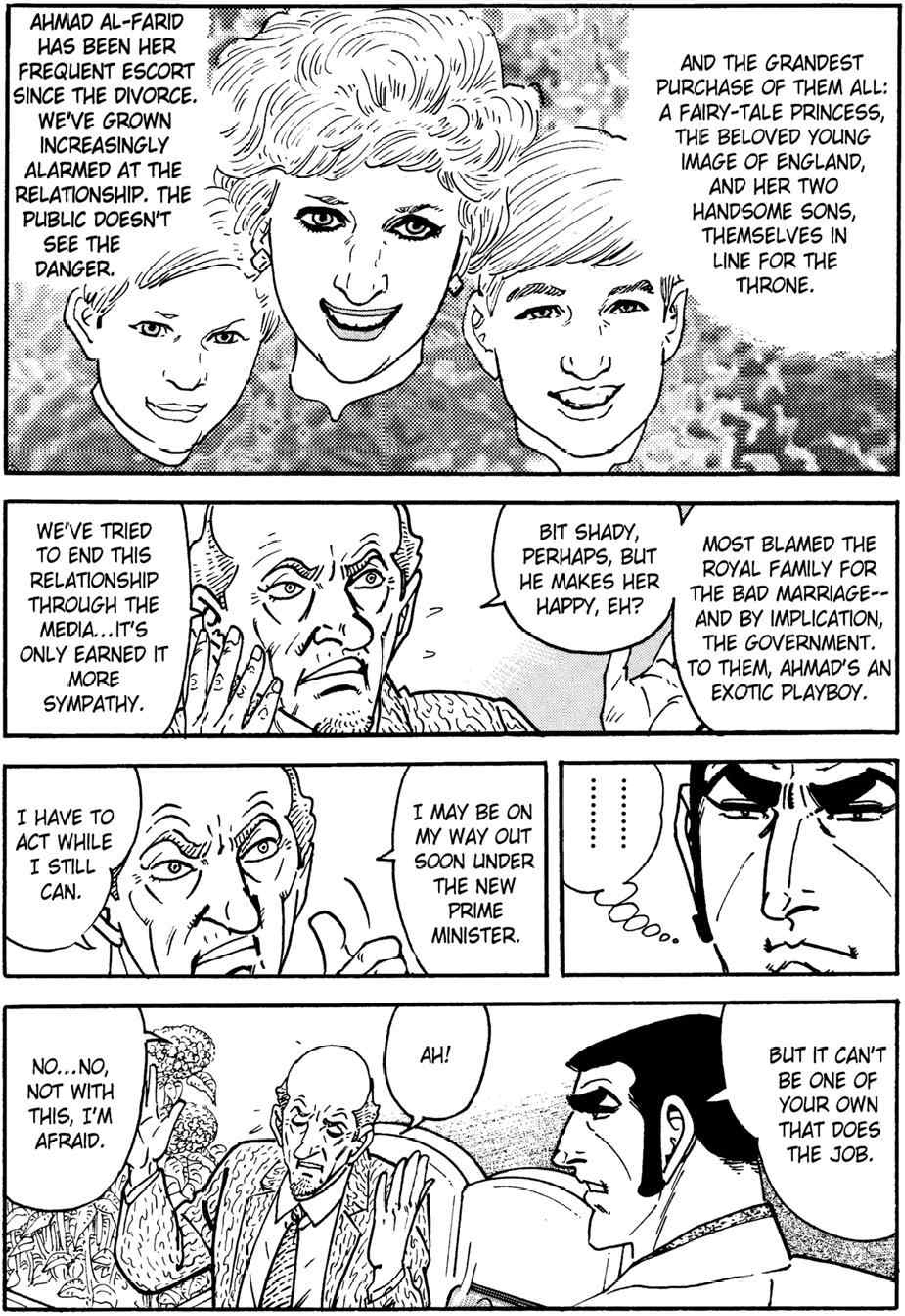
YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT OLD JOB. HOW *SPLENDID!*


SO, GARDENER... WHICH WEED AM I TO PICK?
AH. HE IS A...MAY I SAY IT...? YES, I BELIEVE I MAY.
AN ARAB, A...A HEATHEN.
THAT'S WHY I SO ENJOY THE CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, MR. TOGO.
I FEEL THAT I CAN ALWAYS SPEAK MY MIND.
FARID ...?
MOSTAFA AL-FARID ...?
NOT HIM...HIS SON, AHMAD. OH, IF WE COULD TAKE THE OLD MAN ALONG WITH HIM, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE OF GREAT HELP.
BUT WE SHAN'T BE ABLE.
TOO MANY IN HIS DEBT, YOU SEE.
HIS MONEY BROUGHT DOWN THE CONSERVATIVES AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS. BRIBED A PAIR OF MPs TO ASK QUESTIONS ON HIS BEHALF.
HAD THE EAR OF THE NATION FOR TWO THOUSAND QUID A GO. A BARGAIN, EH?
WHEN THE SCANDAL CAME OUT, LABOUR CAME IN.
I GATHER HE THINKS THEY'LL SHOW GRATITUDE.


SEEMS TO THINK HE CAN BUY US ALL.
HE'S BEEN TRYING TO BUY HIS WAY TO BECOMING AN ENGLISHMAN FOR YEARS. MILLIONS TO CHARITY... HE'S BOUGHT UP OUR MAGAZINES, OUR STORES, EVEN OUR FOOTBALL CLUBS...
BUT THEY WON'T.
FRANKLY, I DON'T SEE WHY HE CAN'T LEAVE ENGLAND ALONE, AND JUST GO TO AMERICA, WHERE RESPECTABILITY IS MORE OF A STRAIGHT CASH AFFAIR.
HE GREW UP IN THE SLUMS OF ALEXANDRIA. WHEN HE WAS AT COLLEGE, HE MARRIED THE SISTER OF A CHAP WHO BECAME THE LARGEST ARMS DEALER IN THE WORLD. FROM THAT DAY ON, MR. AL-FARID'S FORTUNE HAS BEEN MADE, AND HE'S NEVER CEASED TO MEDDLE WITH IT.
TWO NEWSPAPERS: *THE ORB*, A SCURRILOUS TABLOID WITH THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD...AND THE *CHRONICLE*, THE VOICE OF BRITISH RESPECTABILITY. THEY SHALL HAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM BOTH LOW AND HIGH.
BUT WHAT HE CAN'T OBTAIN FOR HIMSELF, PERHAPS HE CAN GET THROUGH HIS SON...AHMAD. THE YOUNGER AL-FARID IS THE POINT MAN FOR NEW ACQUISITIONS WHICH SHALL GIVE HIM ENORMOUS INFLUENCE OVER THESE ISLES.


AHMAD AL-FARID HAS BEEN HER FREQUENT ESCORT SINCE THE DIVORCE. WE'VE GROWN INCREASINGLY ALARMED AT THE RELATIONSHIP. THE PUBLIC DOESN'T SEE THE DANGER.
AND THE GRANDEST PURCHASE OF THEM ALL: A FAIRY-TALE PRINCESS, THE BELOVED YOUNG IMAGE OF ENGLAND, AND HER TWO HANDSOME SONS, THEMSELVES IN LINE FOR THE THRONE.
WE'VE TRIED TO END THIS RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE MEDIA...IT'S ONLY EARNED IT MORE SYMPATHY.
BIT SHADY, PERHAPS, BUT HE MAKES HER HAPPY, EH?
MOST BLAMED THE ROYAL FAMILY FOR THE BAD MARRIAGE--AND BY IMPLICATION, THE GOVERNMENT. TO THEM, AHMAD'S AN EXOTIC PLAYBOY.
I HAVE TO ACT WHILE I STILL CAN.
I MAY BE ON MY WAY OUT SOON UNDER THE NEW PRIME MINISTER.
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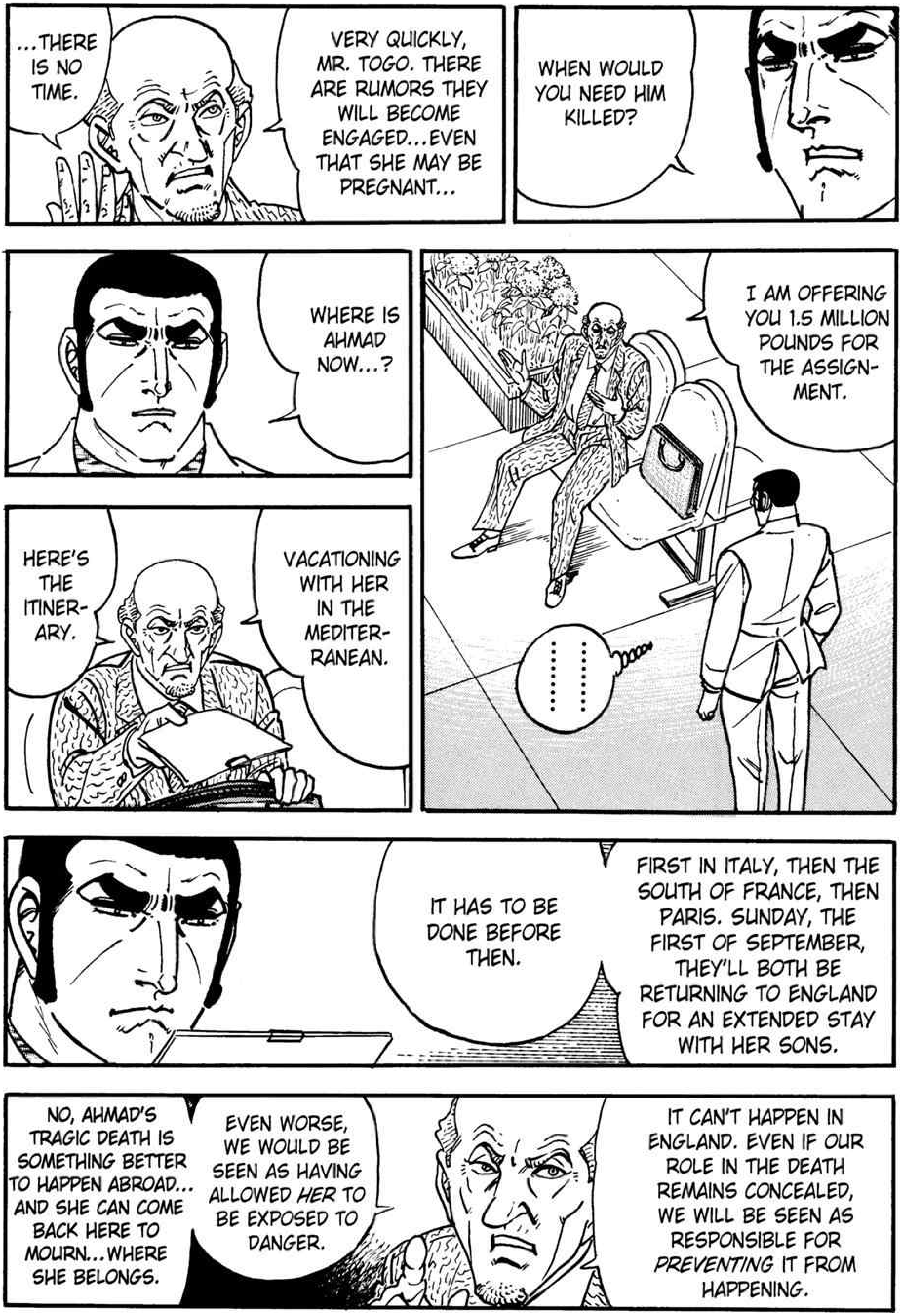
NO...NO, NOT WITH THIS, I'M AFRAID.
AH!
BUT IT CAN'T BE ONE OF YOUR OWN THAT DOES THE JOB.


WHEN WOULD YOU NEED HIM KILLED?
VERY QUICKLY, MR. TOGO. THERE ARE RUMORS THEY WILL BECOME ENGAGED…EVEN THAT SHE MAY BE PREGNANT…
…THERE IS NO TIME.
I AM OFFERING YOU 1.5 MILLION POUNDS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT.
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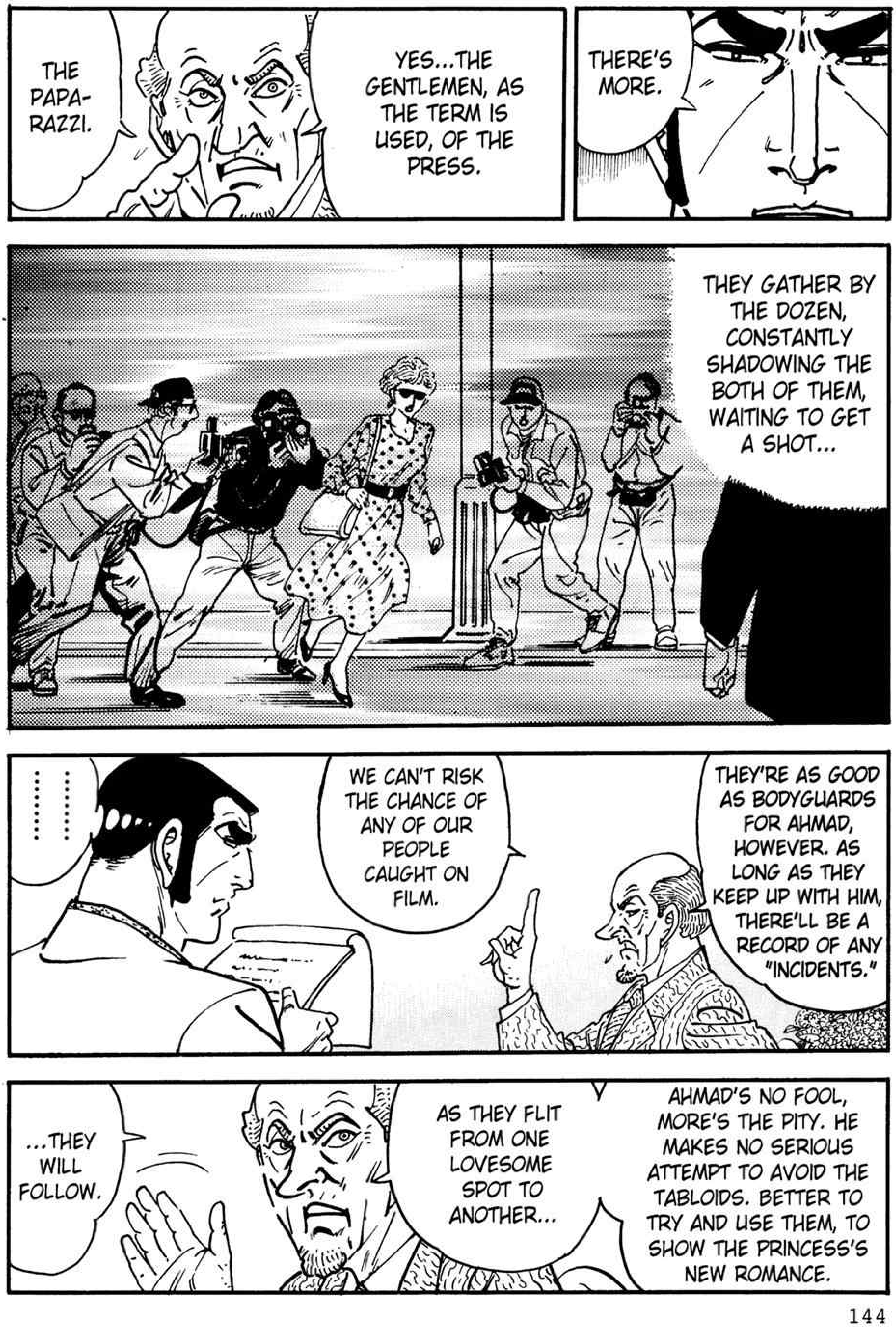
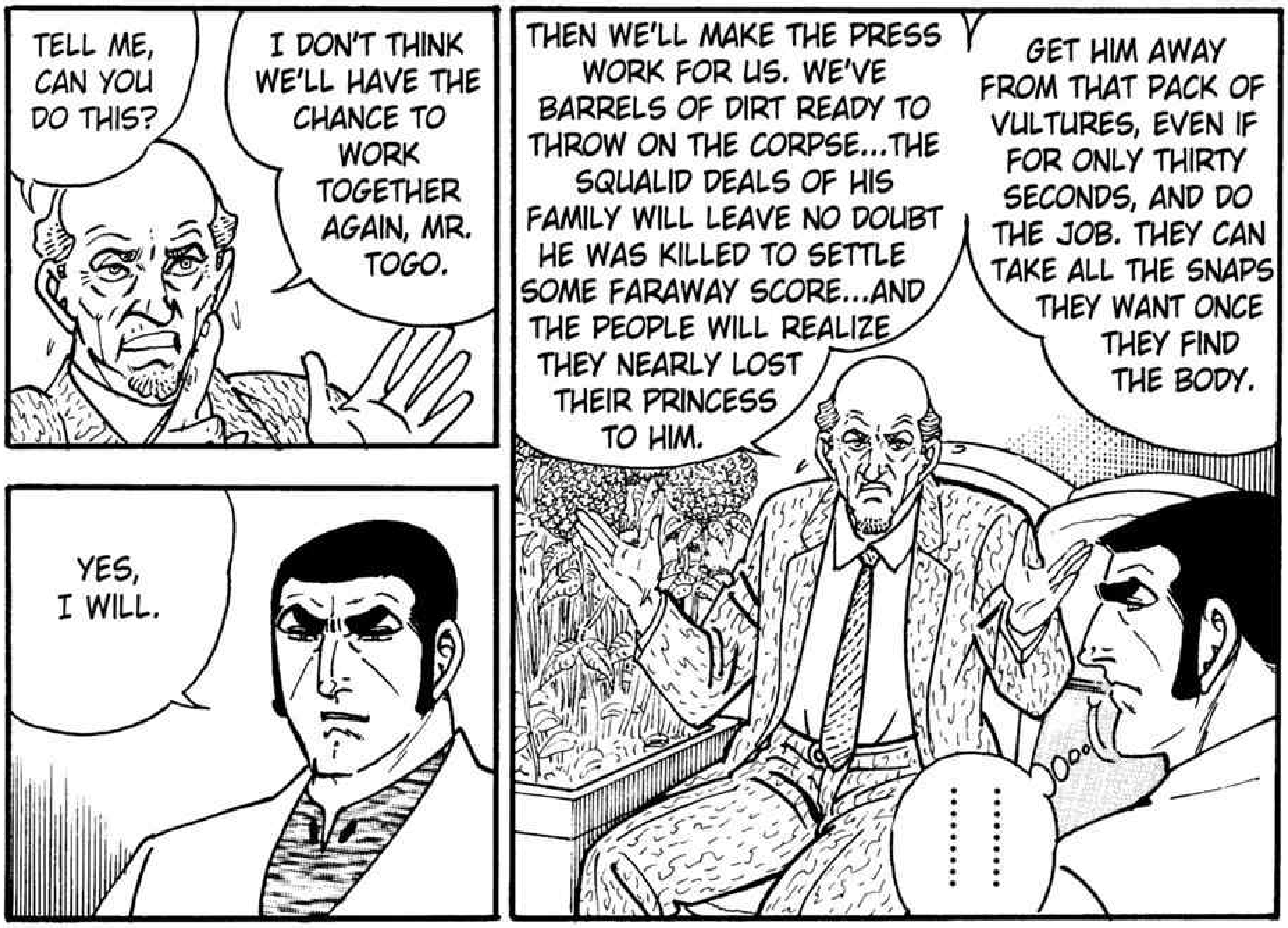
WHERE IS AHMAD NOW…?
VACATIONING WITH HER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.
HERE'S THE ITINERARY.
FIRST IN ITALY, THEN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, THEN PARIS. SUNDAY, THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER, THEY'LL BOTH BE RETURNING TO ENGLAND FOR AN EXTENDED STAY WITH HER SONS.
IT HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THEN.
IT CAN'T HAPPEN IN ENGLAND. EVEN IF OUR ROLE IN THE DEATH REMAINS CONCEALED, WE WILL BE SEEN AS RESPONSIBLE FOR *PREVENTING* IT FROM HAPPENING.
EVEN WORSE, WE WOULD BE SEEN AS HAVING ALLOWED *HER* TO BE EXPOSED TO DANGER.
NO, AHMAD'S TRAGIC DEATH IS SOMETHING BETTER TO HAPPEN ABROAD…AND SHE CAN COME BACK HERE TO MOURN…WHERE SHE BELONGS.


THE PAPARAZZI.
YES...THE GENTLEMEN, AS THE TERM IS USED, OF THE PRESS.
THERE'S MORE.
THEY GATHER BY THE DOZEN, CONSTANTLY SHADOWING THE BOTH OF THEM, WAITING TO GET A SHOT...
......
WE CAN'T RISK THE CHANCE OF ANY OF OUR PEOPLE CAUGHT ON FILM.
THEY'RE AS GOOD AS BODYGUARDS FOR AHMAD, HOWEVER. AS LONG AS THEY KEEP UP WITH HIM, THERE'LL BE A RECORD OF ANY "INCIDENTS."
AS THEY FLIT FROM ONE LOVESOME SPOT TO ANOTHER...
...THEY WILL FOLLOW.
AHMAD'S NO FOOL, MORE'S THE PITY. HE MAKES NO SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE TABLOIDS. BETTER TO TRY AND USE THEM, TO SHOW THE PRINCESS'S NEW ROMANCE.


TELL ME, CAN YOU DO THIS?
I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER AGAIN, MR. TOGO.
YES, I WILL.
THEN WE'LL MAKE THE PRESS WORK FOR US. WE'VE BARRELS OF DIRT READY TO THROW ON THE CORPSE...THE SQUALID DEALS OF HIS FAMILY WILL LEAVE NO DOUBT HE WAS KILLED TO SETTLE SOME FARAWAY SCORE...AND THE PEOPLE WILL REALIZE THEY NEARLY LOST THEIR PRINCESS TO HIM.
GET HIM AWAY FROM THAT PACK OF VULTURES, EVEN IF FOR ONLY THIRTY SECONDS, AND DO THE JOB. THEY CAN TAKE ALL THE SNAPS THEY WANT ONCE THEY FIND THE BODY.
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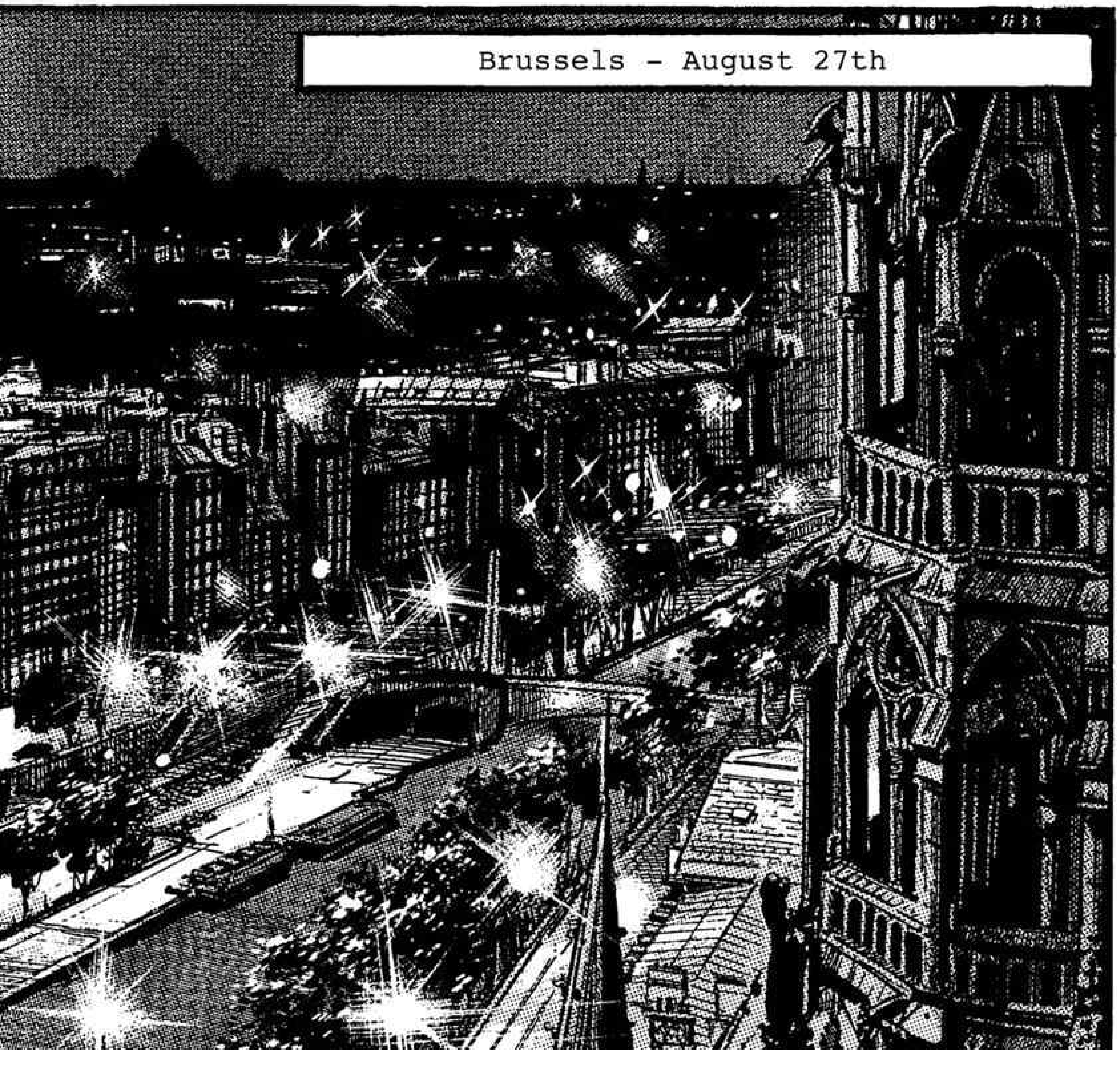
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PART 3

MURDER PLAN

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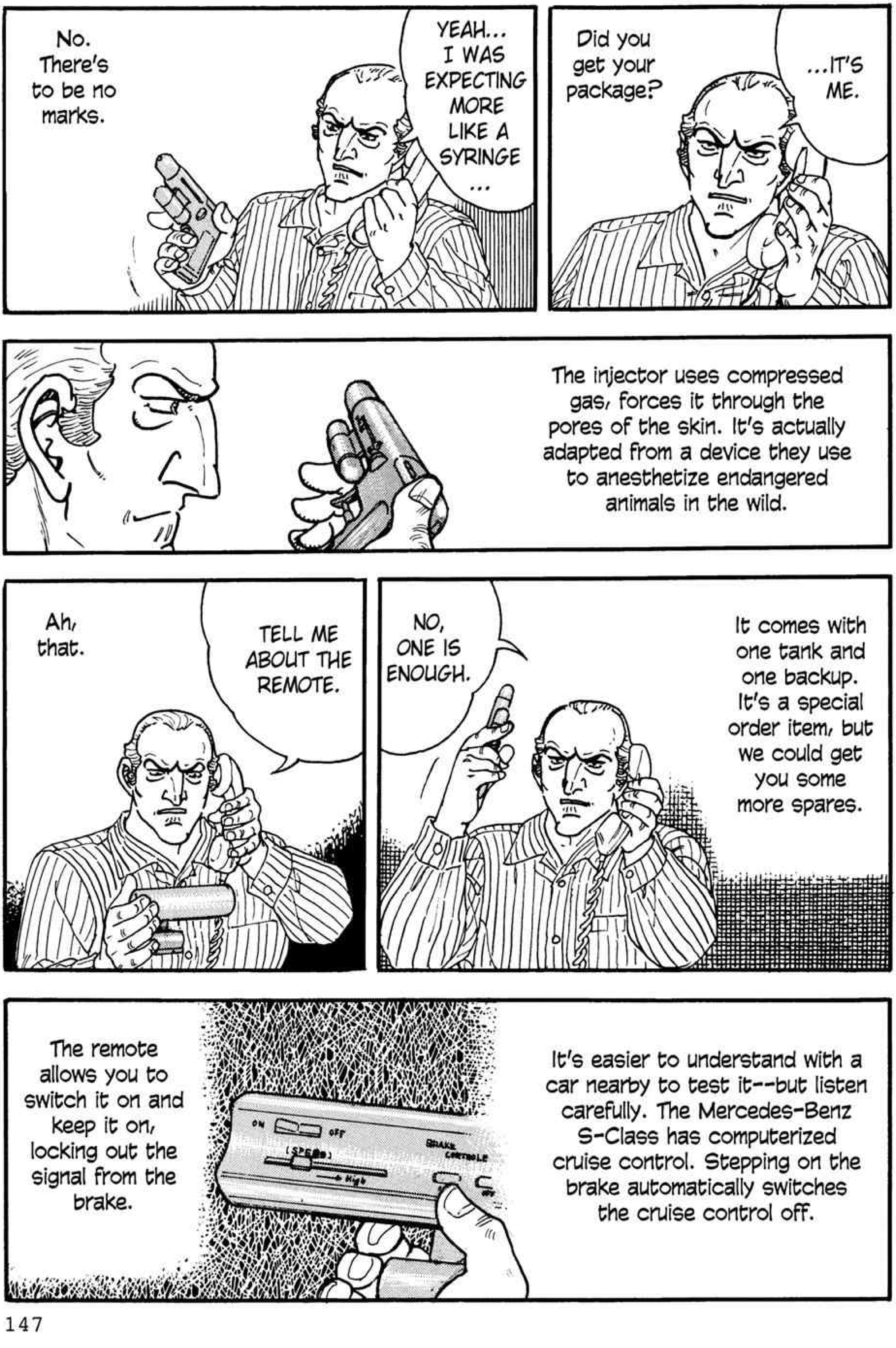
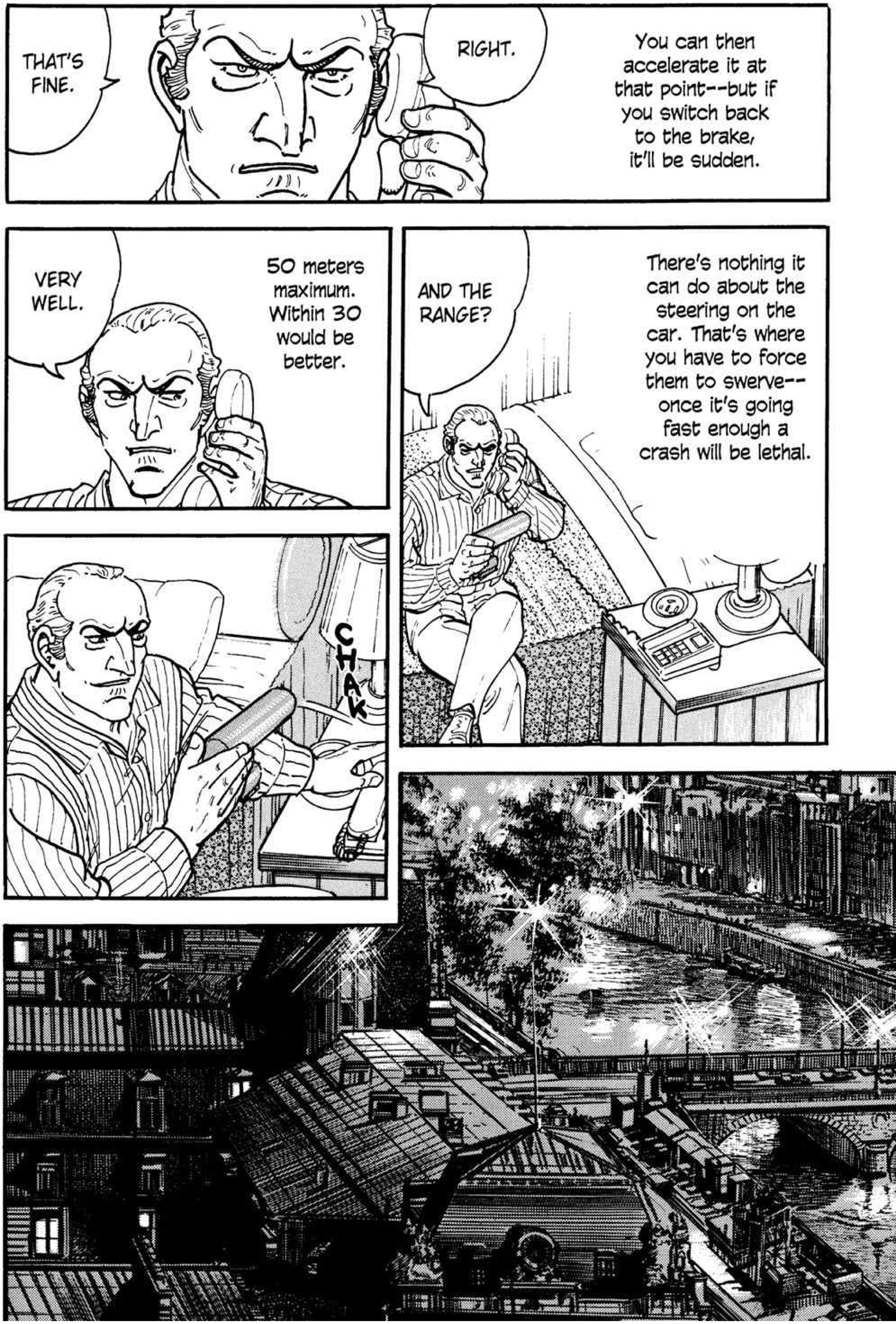
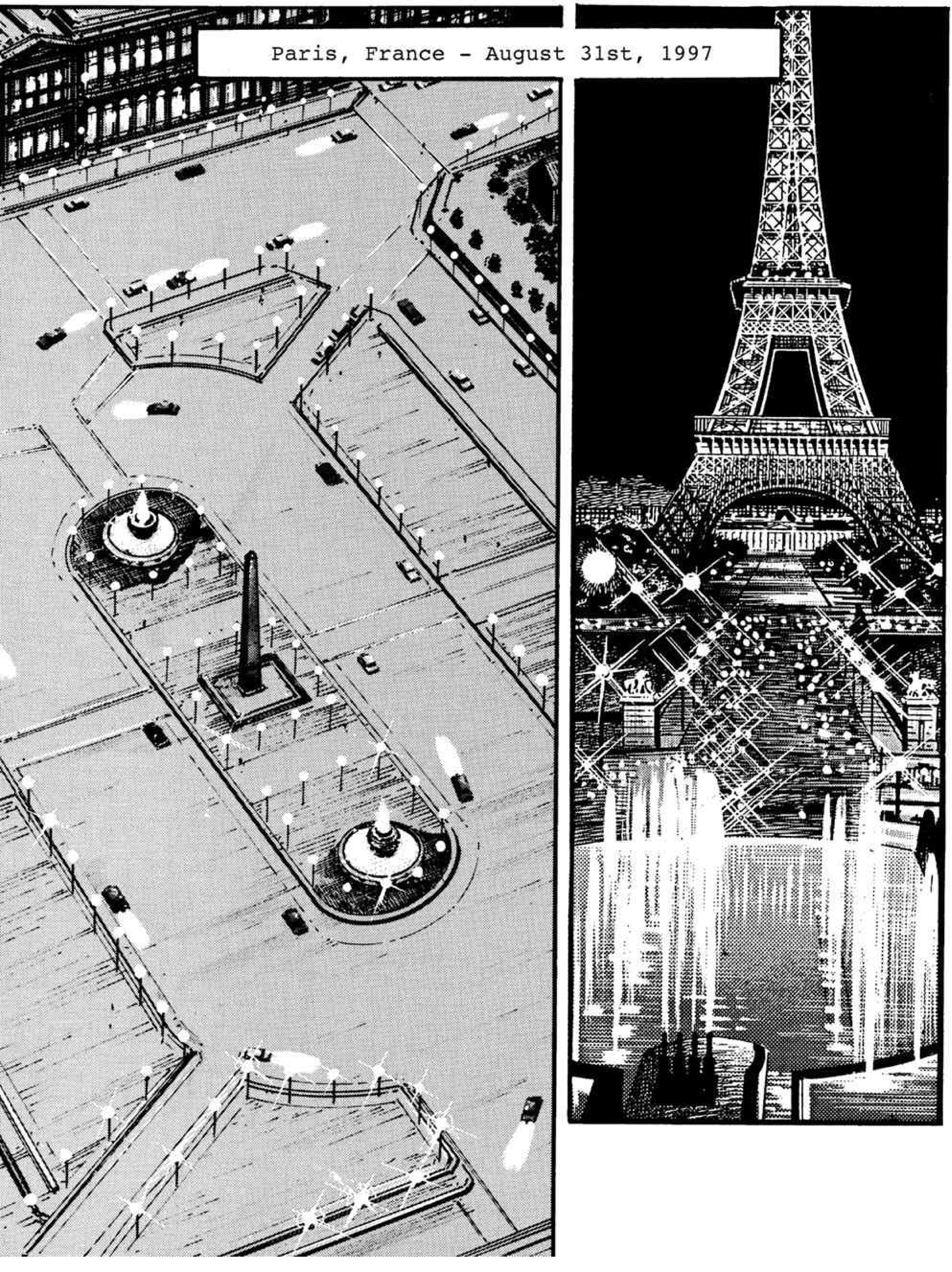
breep breep breep breep


...IT'S ME.
Did you get your package?
YEAH... I WAS EXPECTING MORE LIKE A SYRINGE...
No. There's to be no marks.
The injector uses compressed gas, forces it through the pores of the skin. It's actually adapted from a device they use to anesthetize endangered animals in the wild.
It comes with one tank and one backup. It's a special order item, but we could get you some more spares.
NO, ONE IS ENOUGH.
TELL ME ABOUT THE REMOTE.
Ah, that.
It's easier to understand with a car nearby to test it--but listen carefully. The Mercedes-Benz S-Class has computerized cruise control. Stepping on the brake automatically switches the cruise control off.
The remote allows you to switch it on and keep it on, locking out the signal from the brake.
ON
OFF
(SPEED)
→ High
BRAKE CONTROLLE


You can then accelerate it at that point--but if you switch back to the brake, it'll be sudden.
RIGHT.
THAT'S FINE.
There's nothing it can do about the steering on the car. That's where you have to force them to swerve--once it's going fast enough a crash will be lethal.
AND THE RANGE?
50 meters maximum. Within 30 would be better.
VERY WELL.
CHAK

PART 4 PAPARAZZI ARMY



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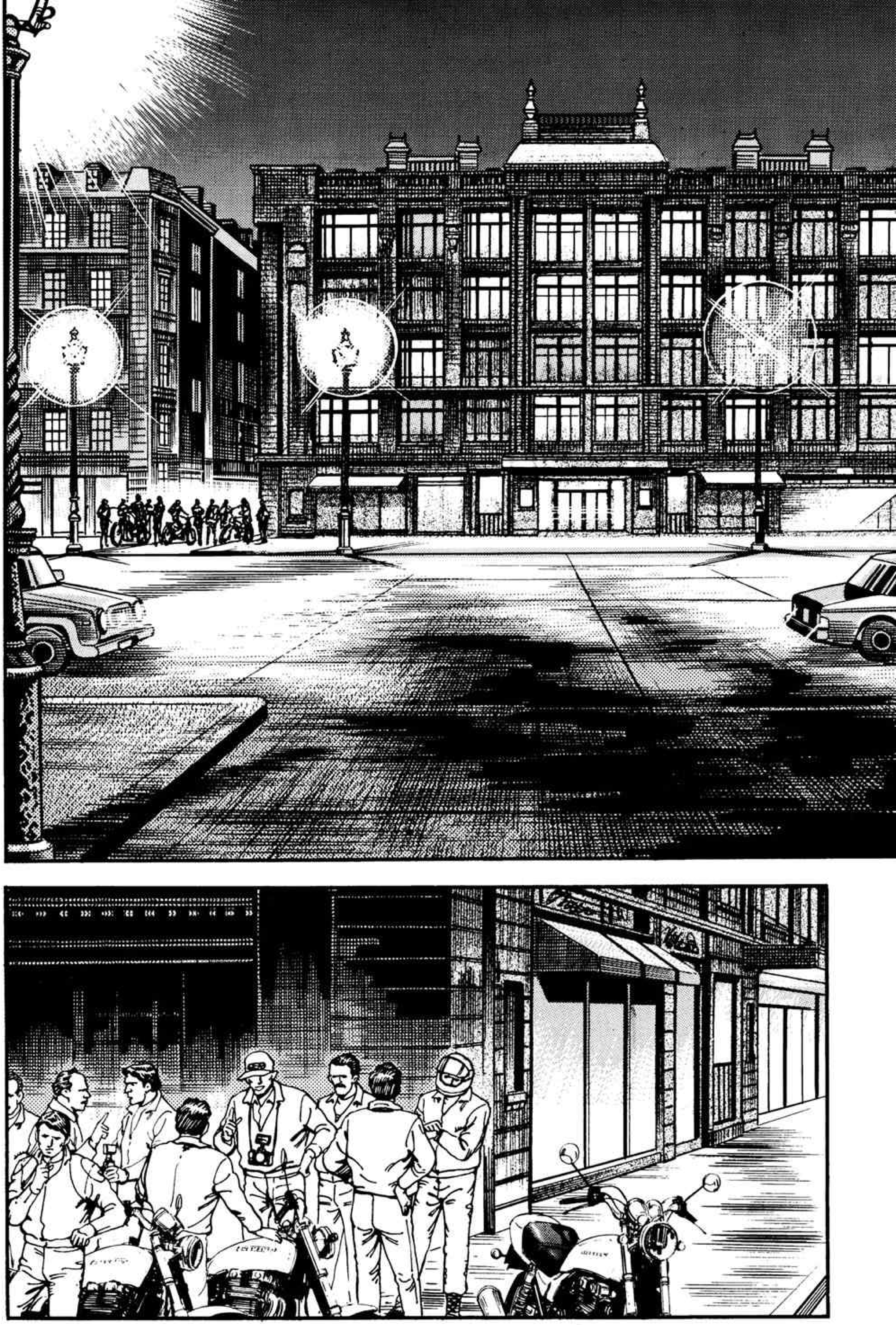

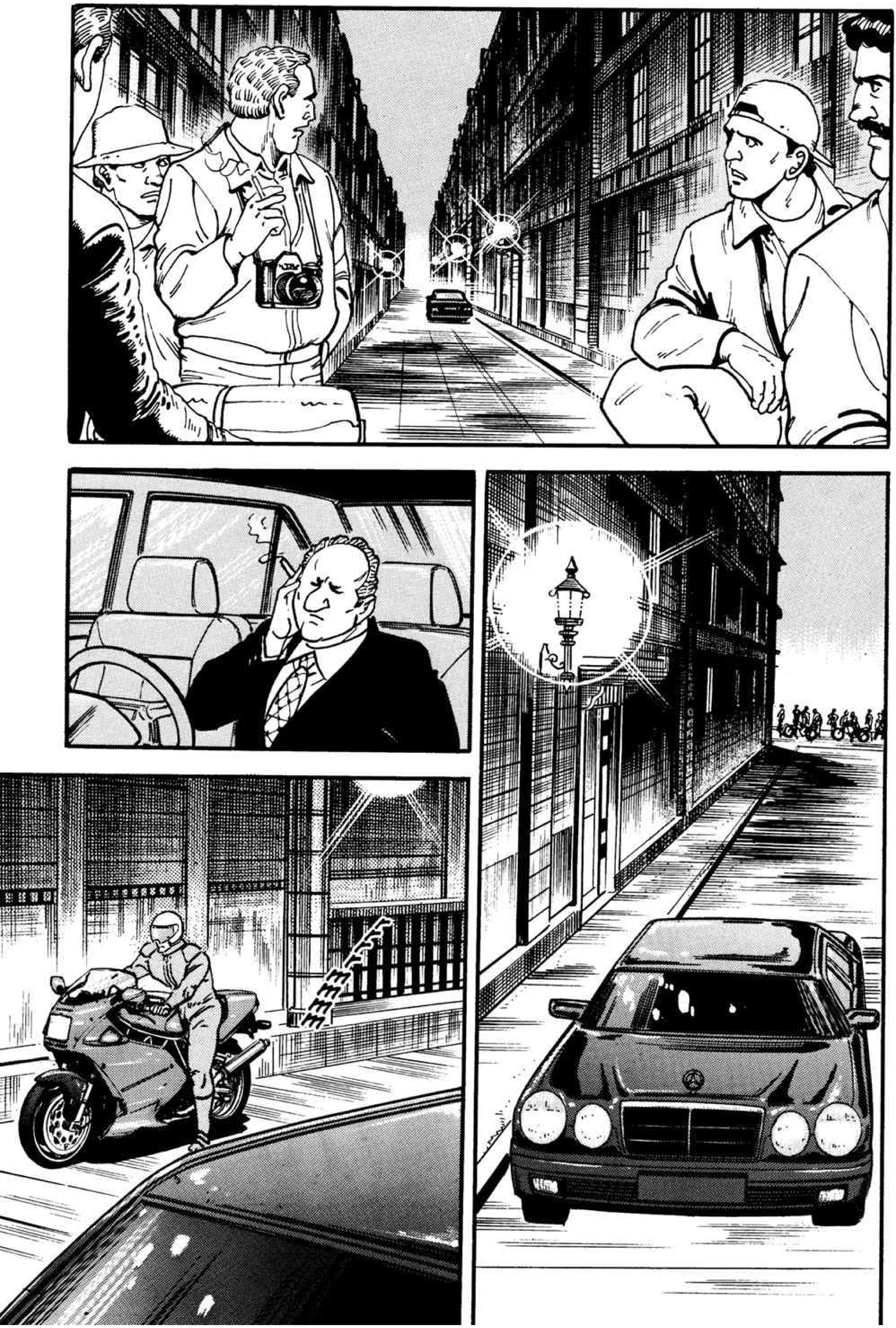

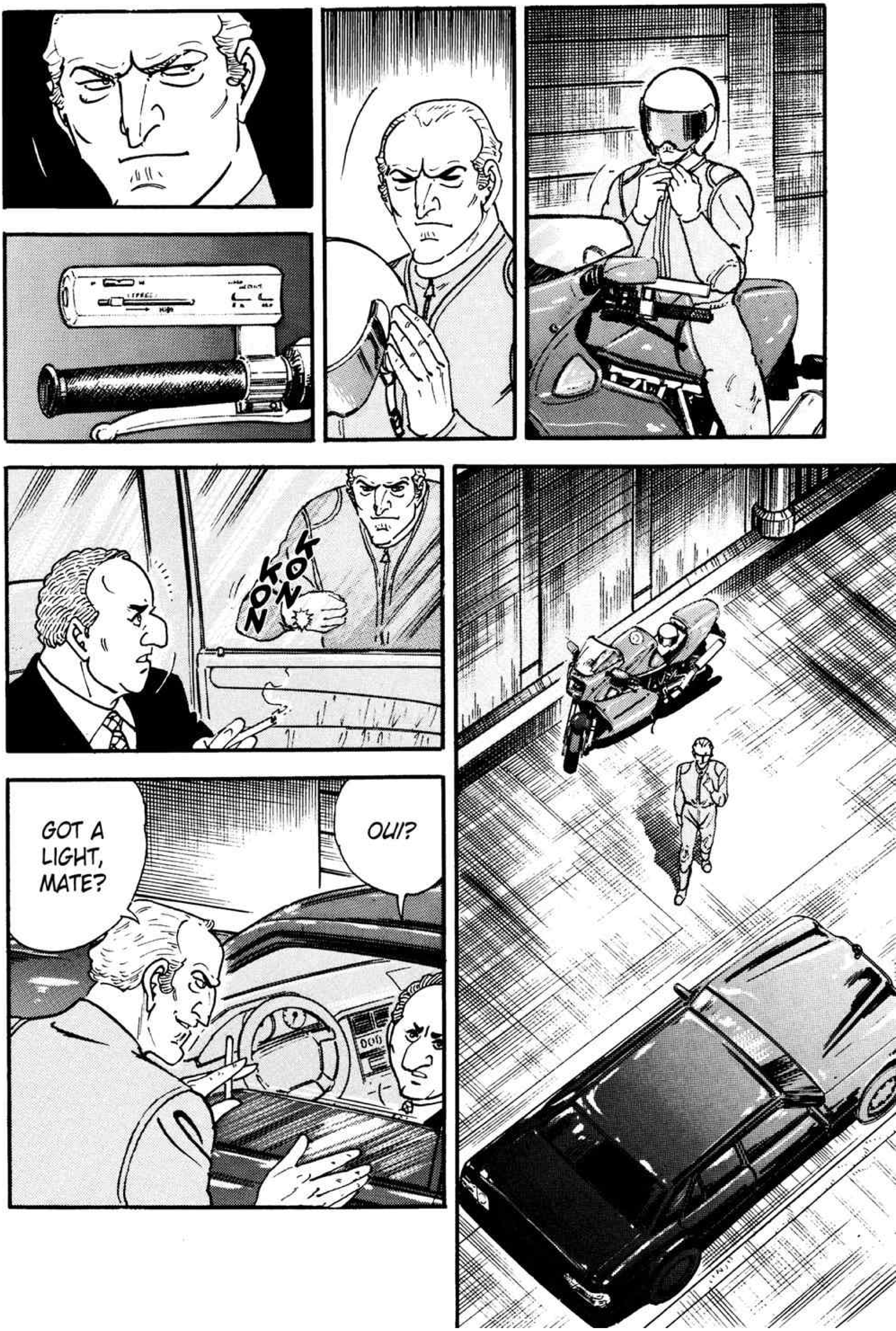
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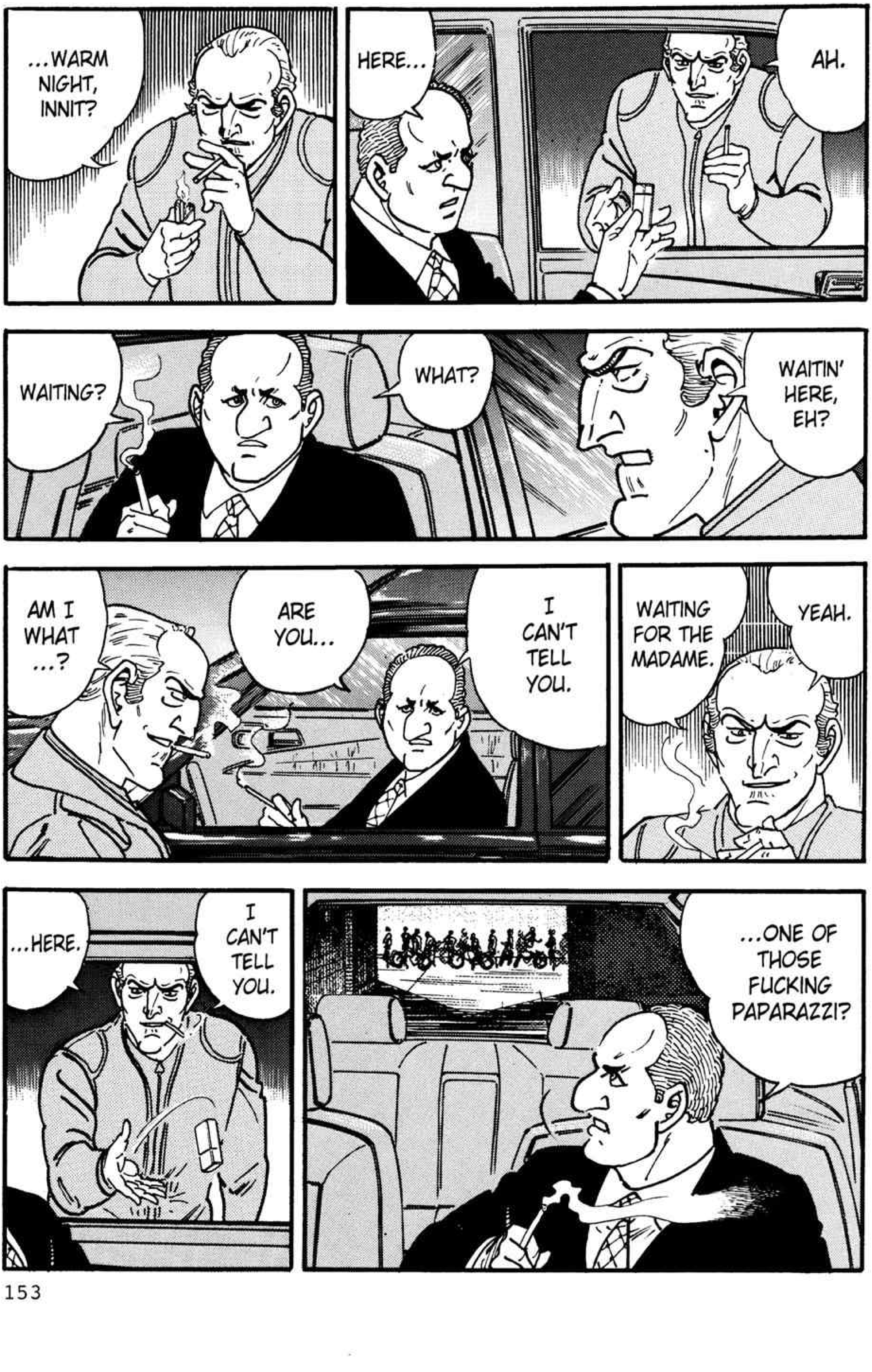
OUI?
GOT A LIGHT, MATE?


AH.
HERE...
...WARM NIGHT, INNIT?
WAITIN' HERE, EH?
WHAT?
WAITING?
YEAH.
WAITING FOR THE MADAME.
I CAN'T TELL YOU.
ARE YOU...
AM I WHAT ...?
...ONE OF THOSE FUCKING PAPARAZZI?
I CAN'T TELL YOU.
...HERE.

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pssst
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CHEERS, MATE.

rrrmm
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...HEY!
THAT'S AHMAD'S CAR!
TRYING TO LEAD US AWAY WITH THAT SHIT? *C'EST UN TRUC!* IT'S A DECOY!

LET'S GO!
SKKKKREEEEEEE
CONNARD! THINK WE DON'T KNOW AHMAD PAID YOU OFF?
YOU MARK MY WORDS... THEY'RE *IN* ON IT!
RRRRMMMMMM
RRRMMMM

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?
WHAT'S WRONG, HONORÉ?
ARE YOU OK TO DRIVE …?

...THEY SUSPECT EACH OTHER EVEN MORE THAN US.
PAY OFF ONE REPORTER TO LURE AWAY THE REST... I TOLD THEM THAT TRICK WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO FOOL THOSE BASTARDS...
I-I'M FINE...
WELL... JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THAT.
TELL MR. AL-FARID I'LL SHAKE THEM OFF!
BON! IT'S UP TO ME, THEN.
rrrrrrmmmmm

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?!

VVVVRRRRRRMMMMMM
TMP
RRRRMMMRRRRMMM
SKKREEEEEEE
RRRRMMMMMMMMMM

RRRMMMRMMMBBB
VRMMVRMMVRMMMMM
VRRRRRAAAA

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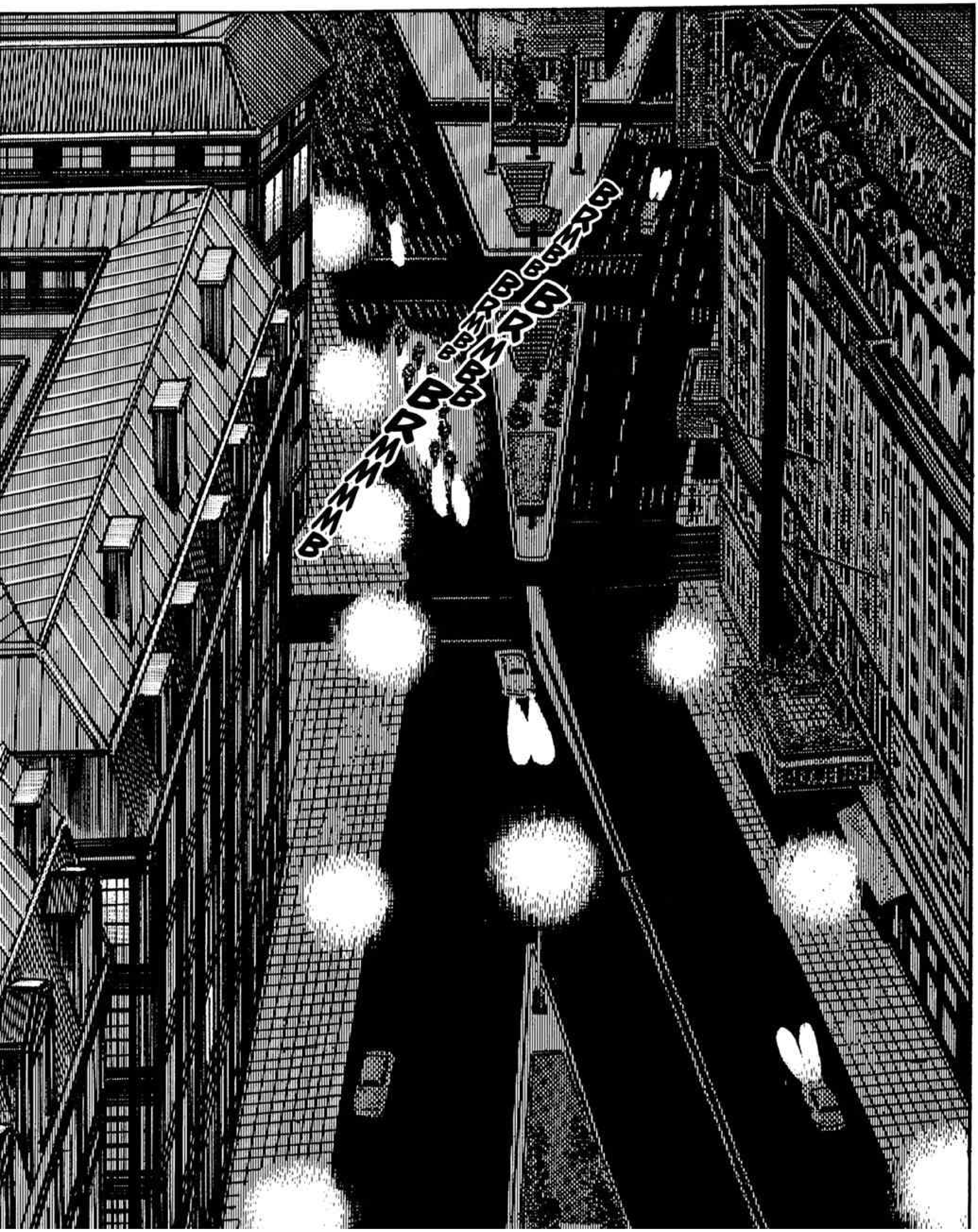
PART 5 INTERSECTION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VVRRRMMMM
VVRRRMMMM
DAMNIT, THEY'RE THROUGH THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS!
THE DRIVER MUST HAVE KNOWN THE TIMING... SOMEONE'S GOT A LITTLE BRAINS.
VRRRRRMMMMMM

BRMBBBBRM
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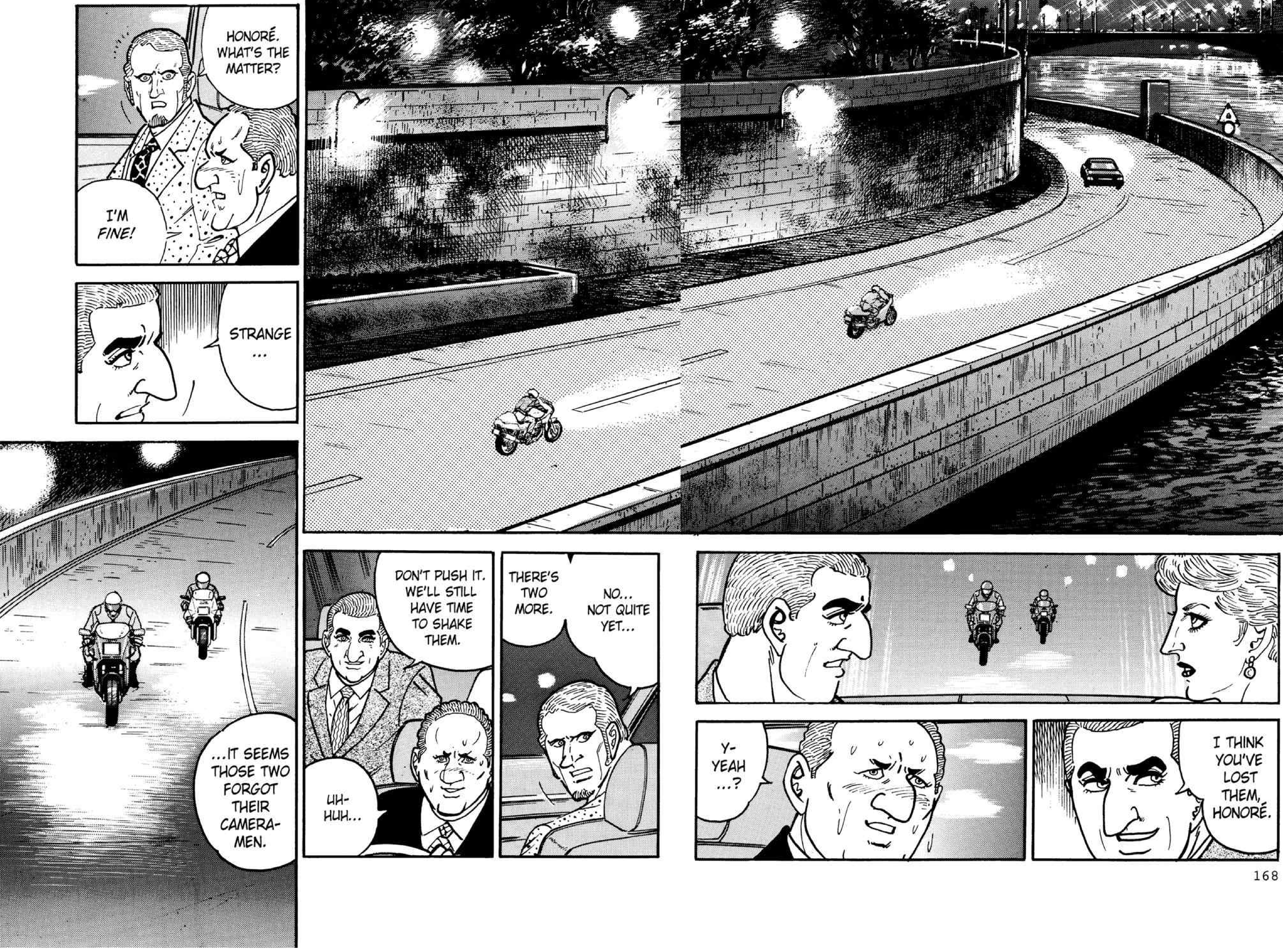
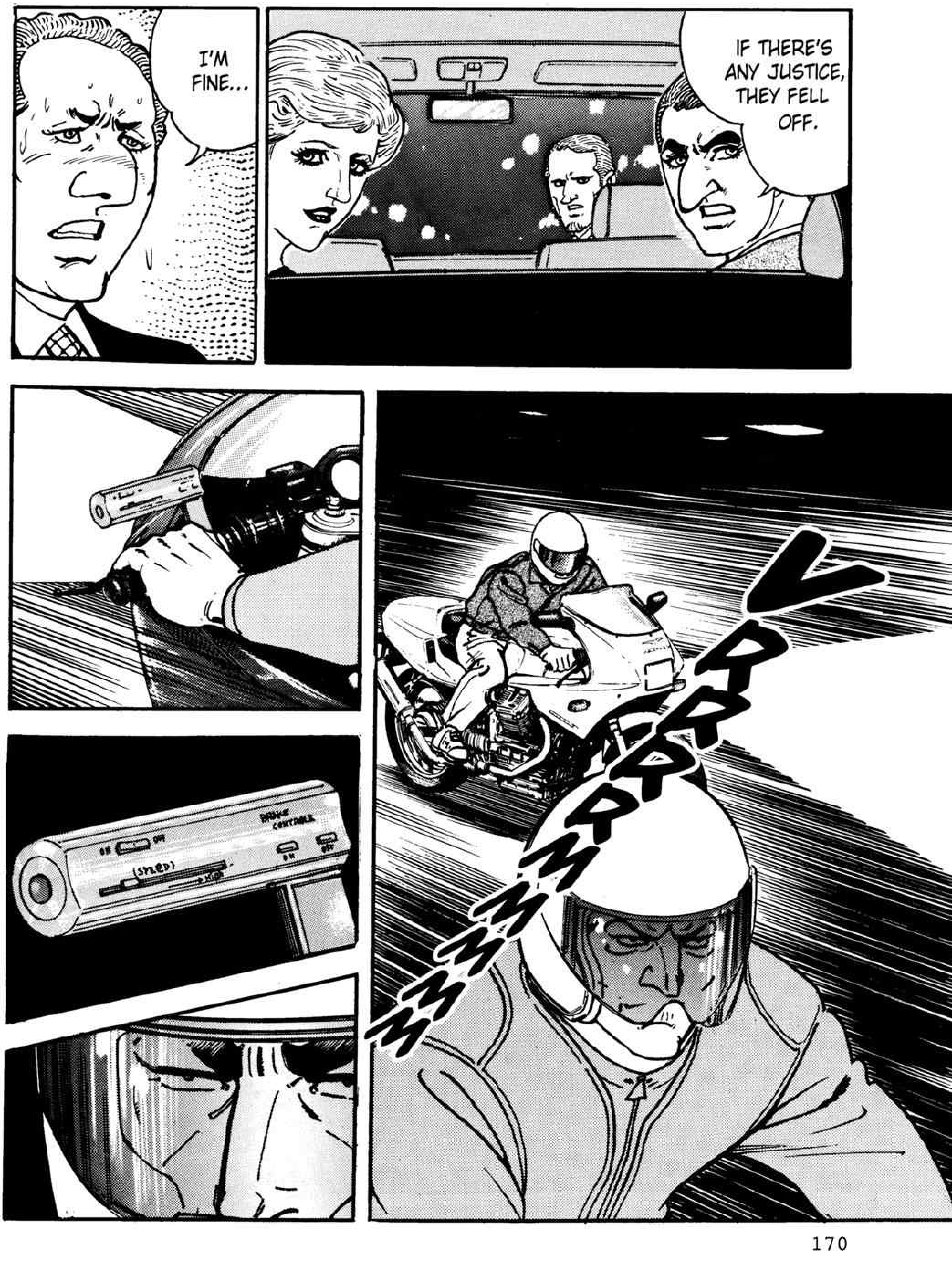
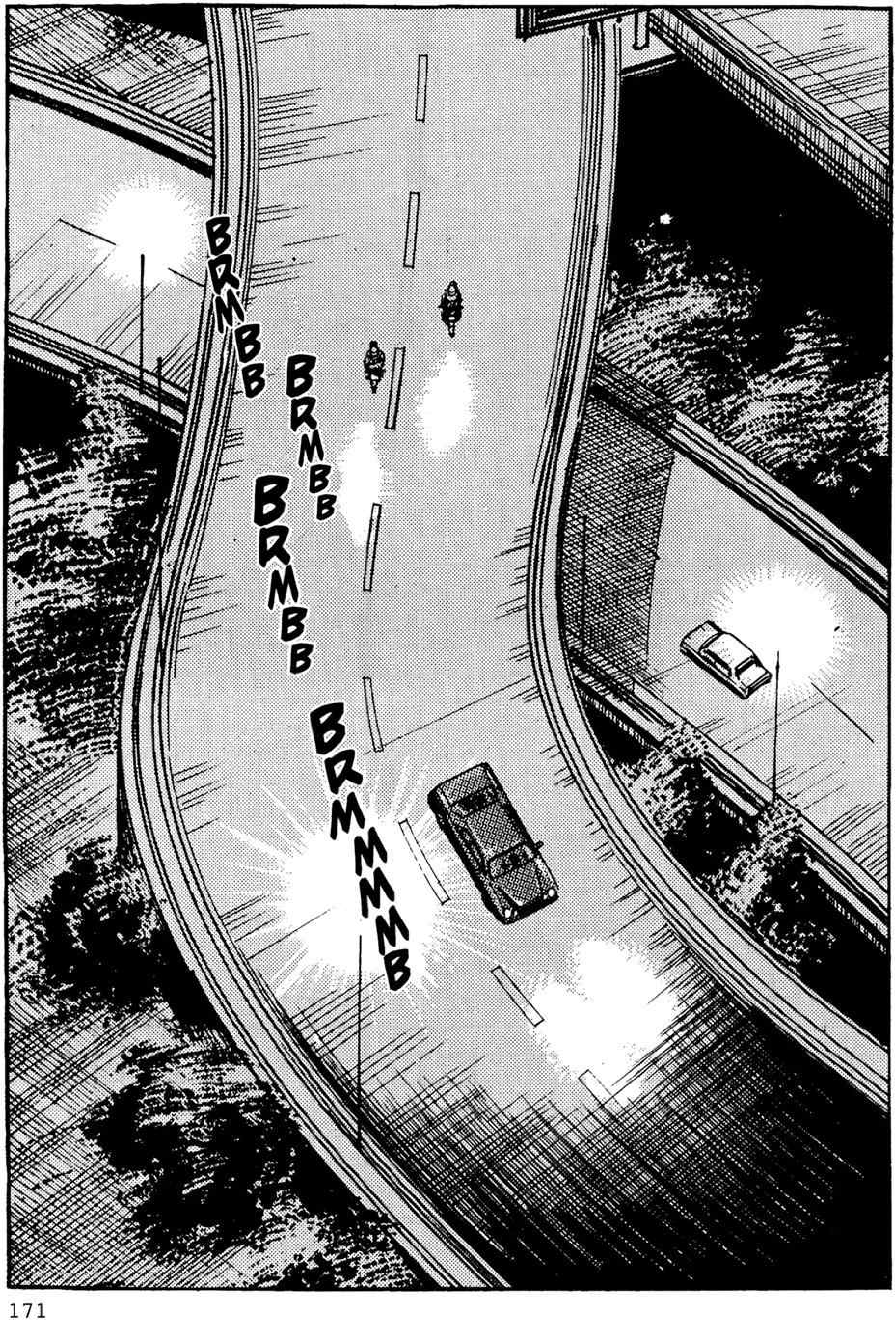
VRRRRRRMMMMMM
MOTO GUZZI


HONORÉ. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'M FINE!
STRANGE…
…IT SEEMS THOSE TWO FORGOT THEIR CAMERA-MEN.
I THINK YOU'VE LOST THEM, HONORÉ.
Y-YEAH…?
NO… NOT QUITE YET…
THERE'S TWO MORE.
DON'T PUSH IT. WE'LL STILL HAVE TIME TO SHAKE THEM.
UH-HUH…


I'M FINE...
IF THERE'S ANY JUSTICE, THEY FELL OFF.
VRRRRMMMMMM
ON OFF
(SPEED)
HIGH
BRAKE CONTROLS
ON OFF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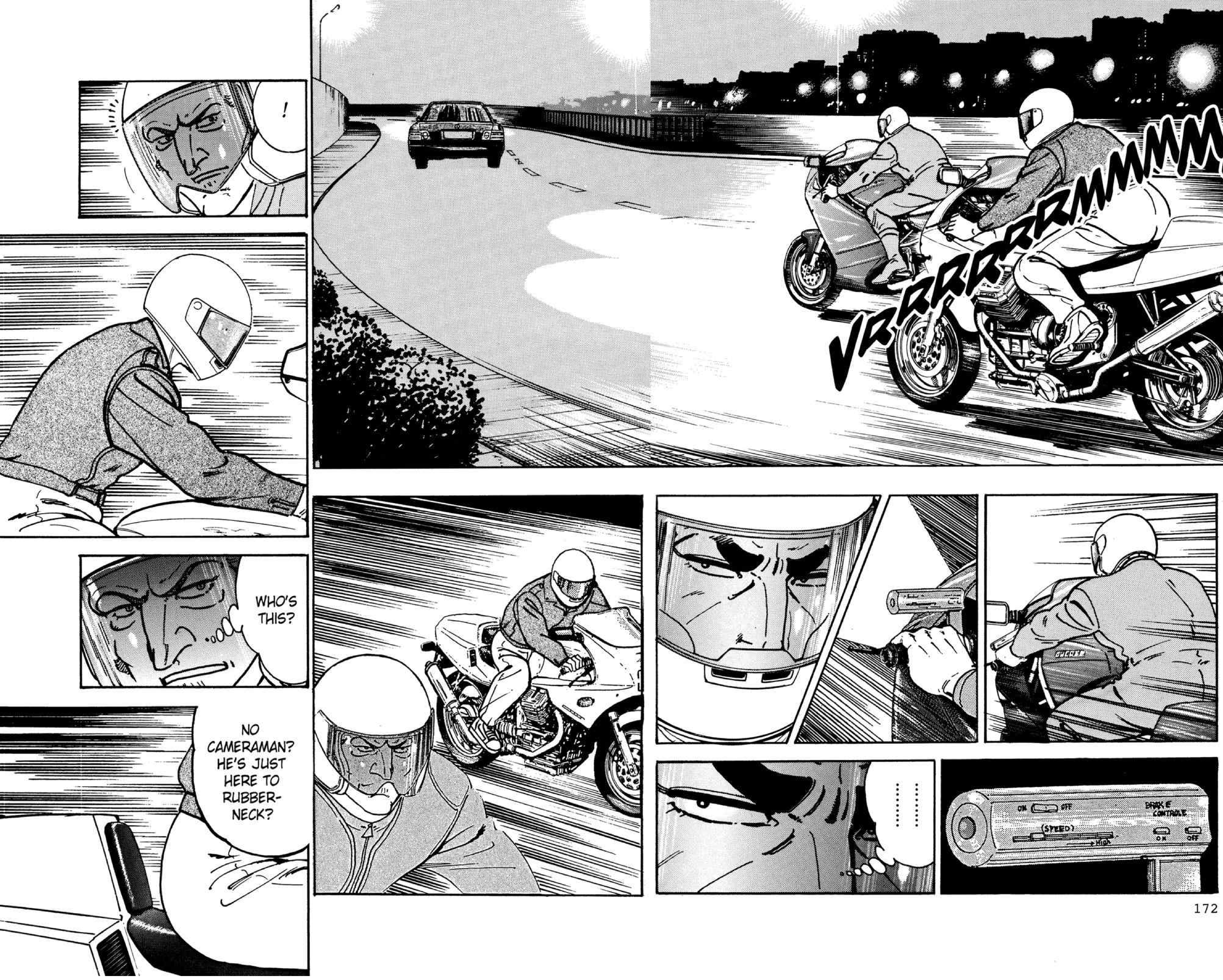
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WHO'S THIS?
NO CAMERAMAN? HE'S JUST HERE TO RUBBER-NECK?
VRRRRRRMMMMMMM
......
ON OFF
(SPEED)
High
BRAKE CONTROLLER
ON OFF

VRRRRRRRMMMMMMMMMMM
VRRRRMMMMMMMMMMM

OKAY.
KLIK
OFF
(SPEED)
High
WHHRRRRUMMMMMM
HEY... HONORÉ!
I SAID IT'S ALL RIGHT!
CAN'T YOU HEAR HIM? SLOW DOWN!
M-MY FOOT ISN'T EVEN ON THE GAS!
IT'S GOING BY ITSELF!

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THE BRAKES... I THINK WE'VE LOST BRAKE PRESSURE...
IT'S THE UNDERPASS... THIS ISN'T SAFE!
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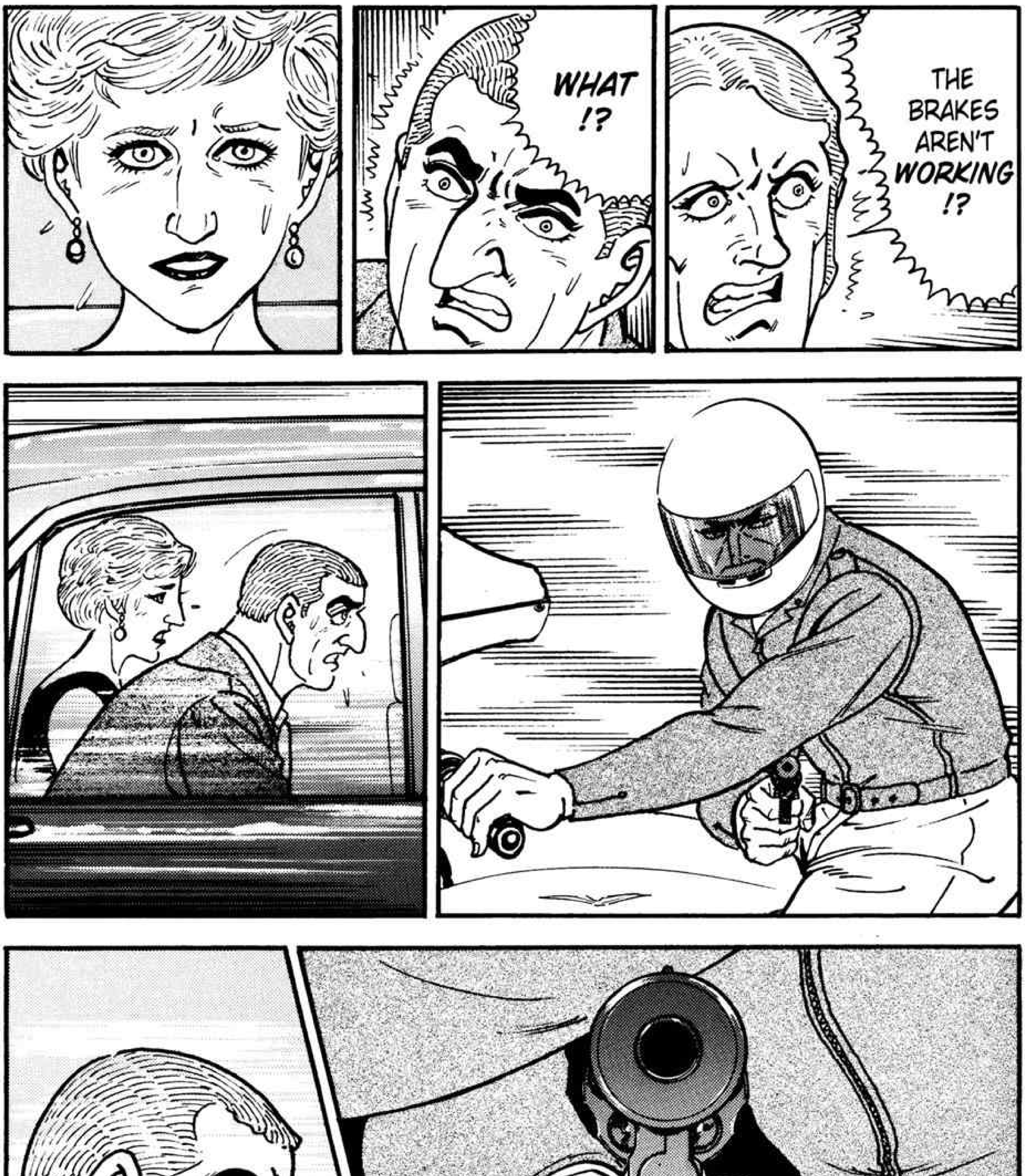
WHAT !?
THE BRAKES AREN'T WORKING !?

THAT VOYEUR UP AHEAD HAD BETTER BE CAREFUL.
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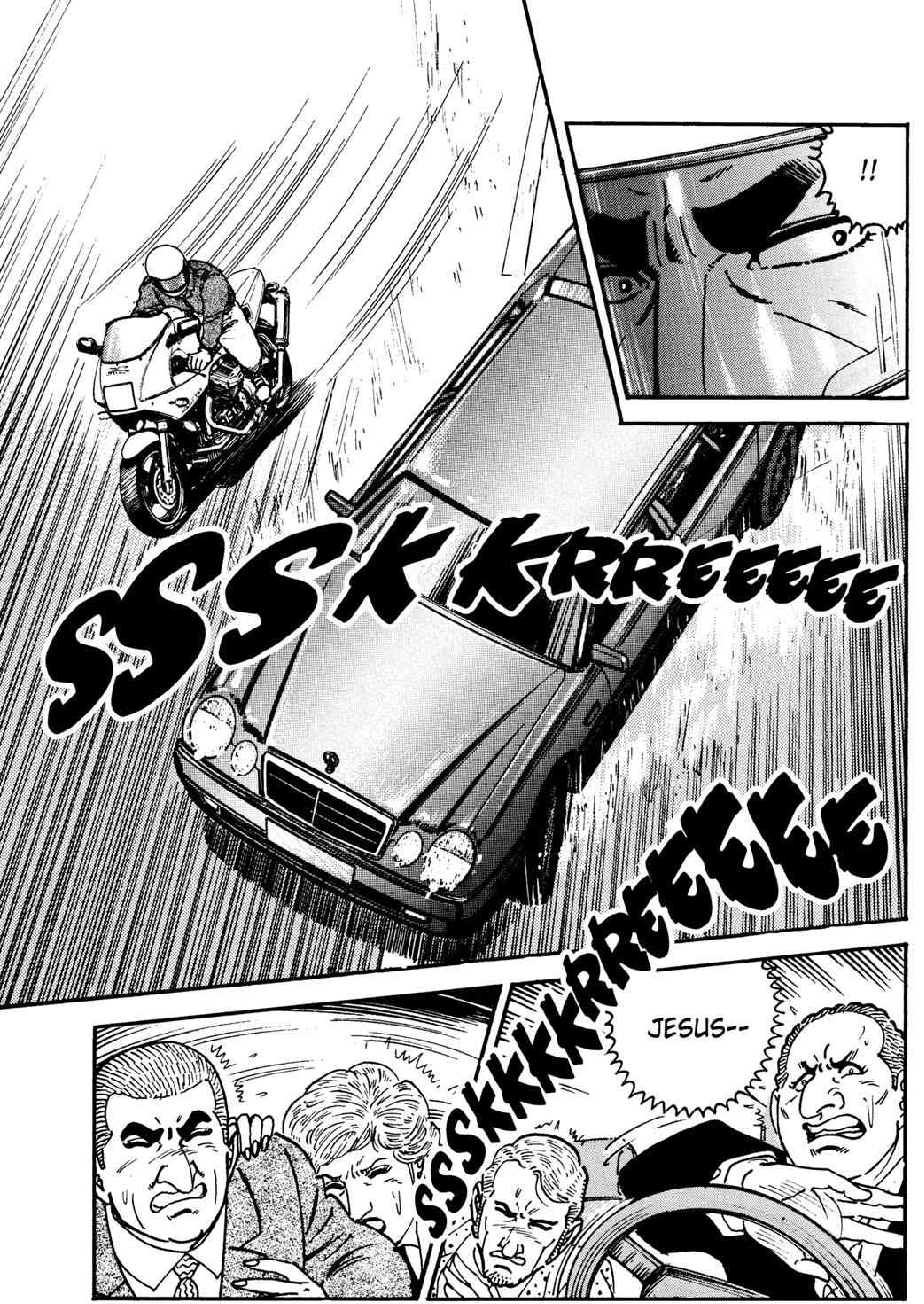
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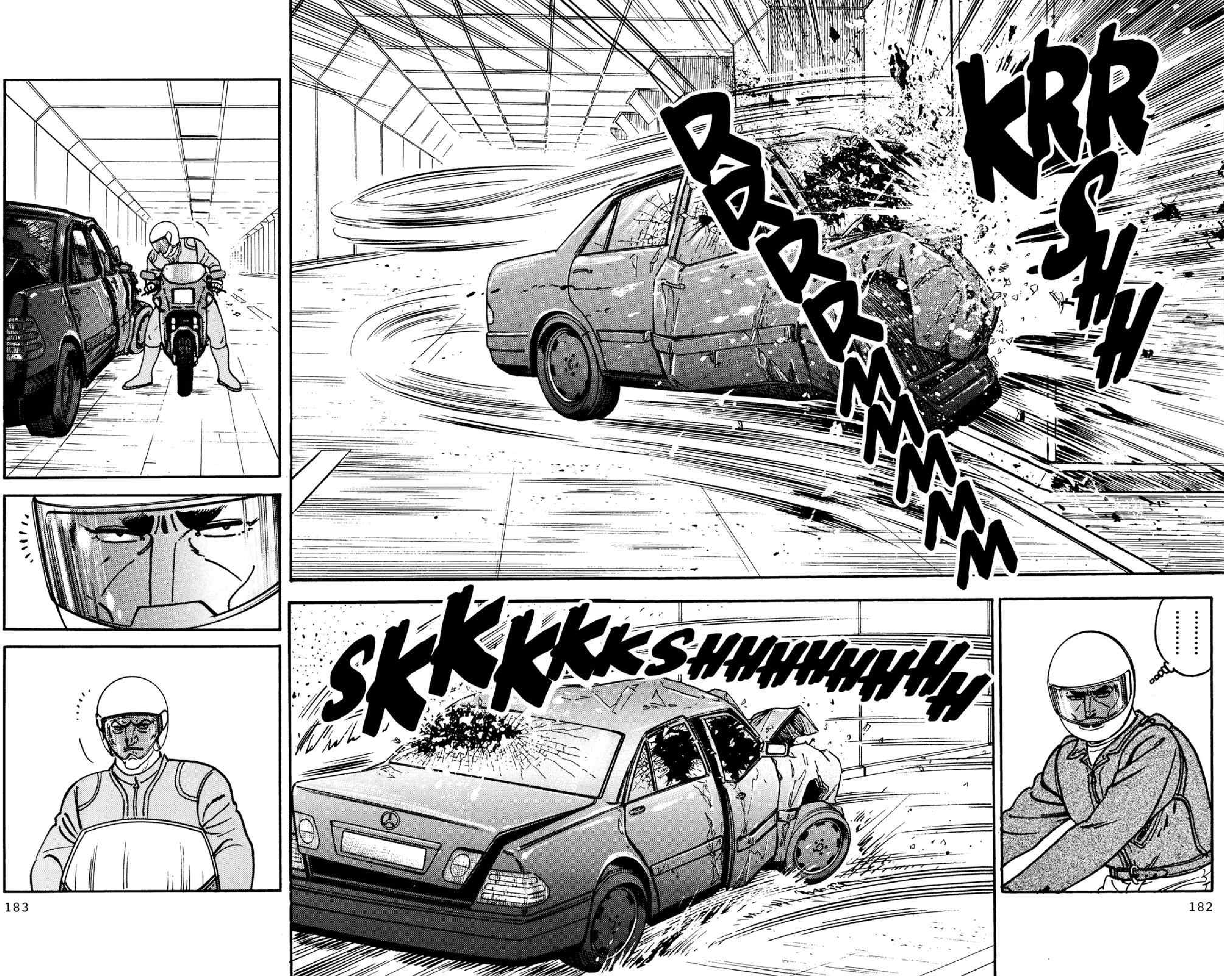
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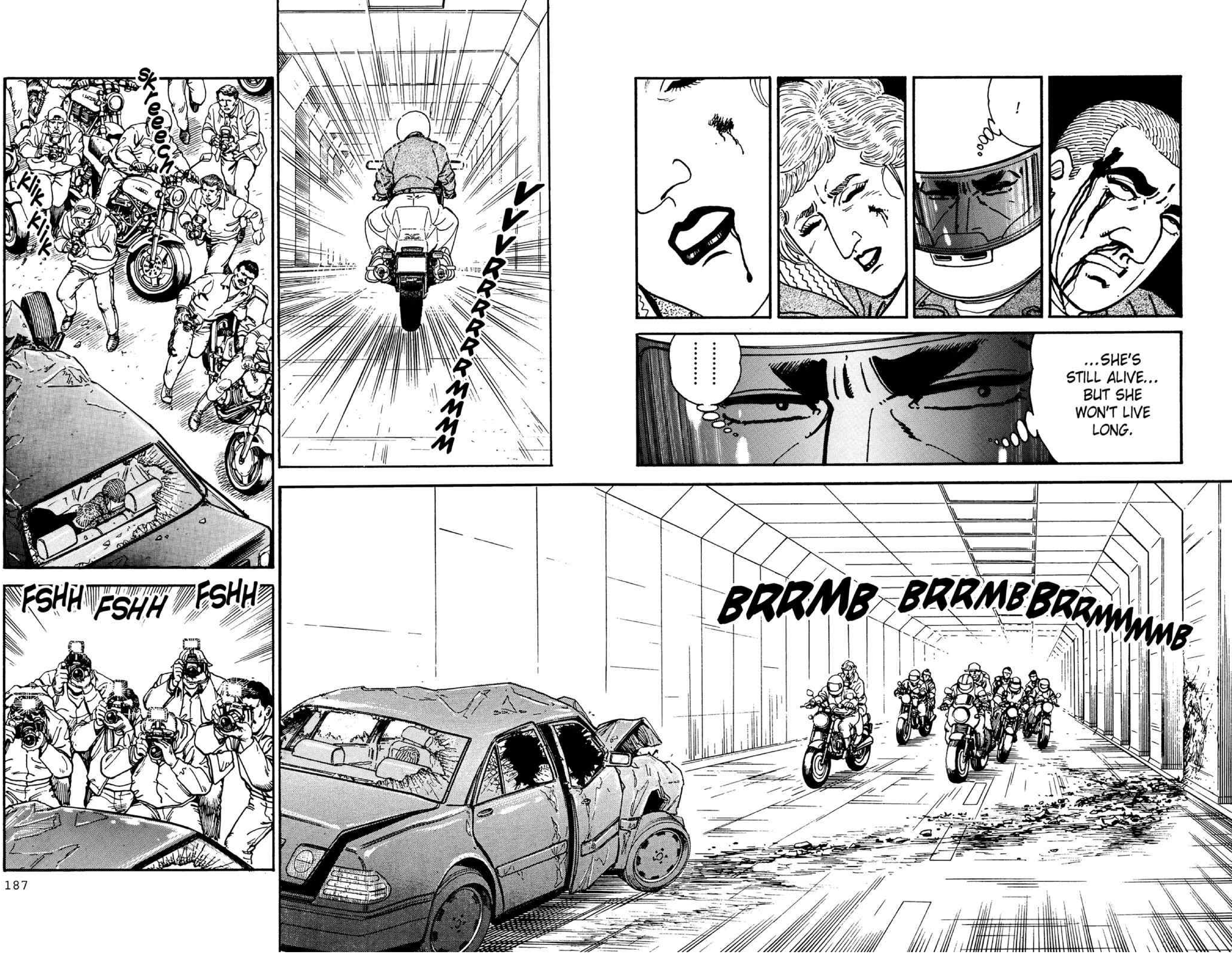
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...SHE'S STILL ALIVE... BUT SHE WON'T LIVE LONG.
BRRMB BRRMB BRRMMMMB
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FSHH FSHH FSHH

POLICE
EEEEEEOOOOOOOOO
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POLICE
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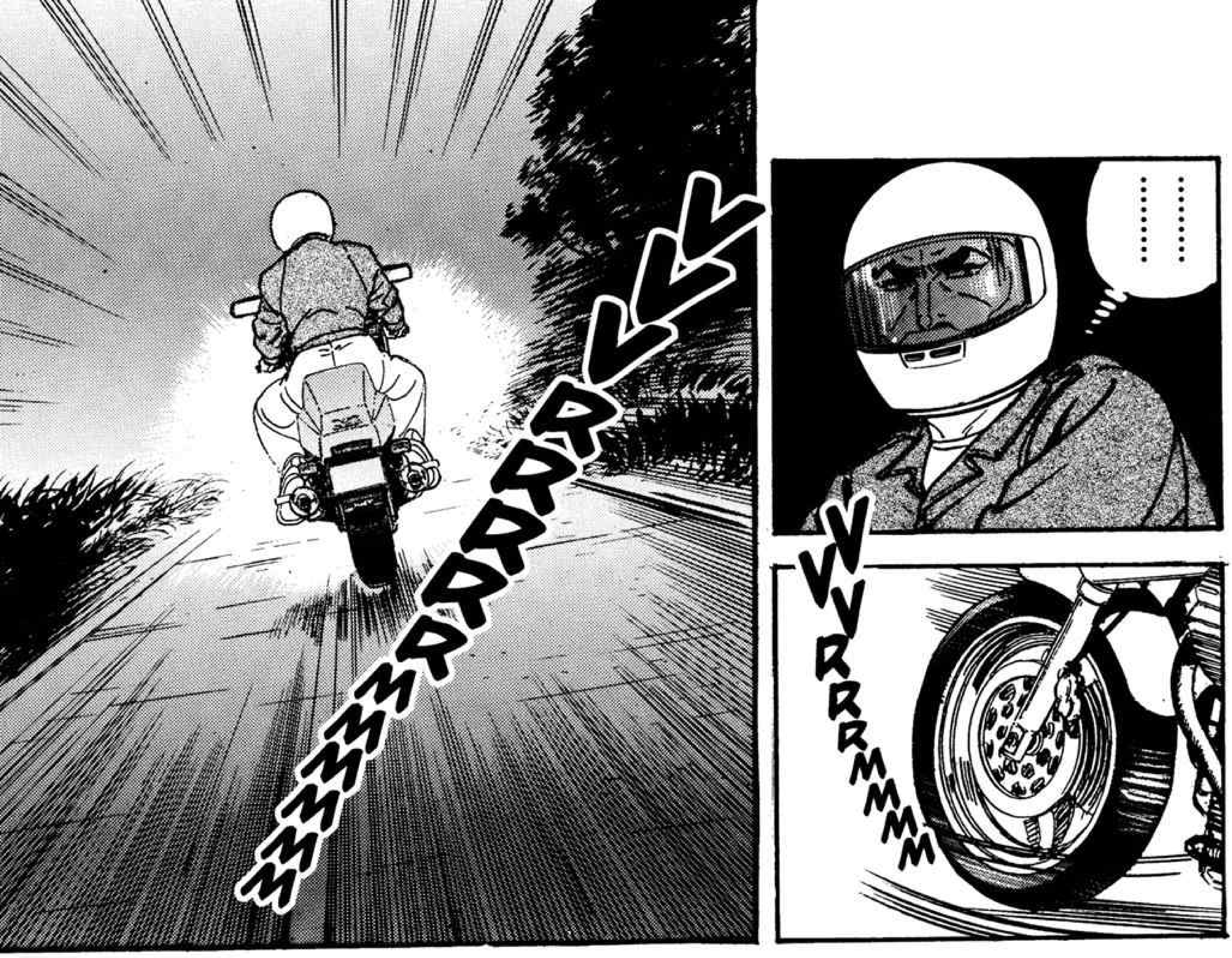
BROMB BROMB BROOOMMMMB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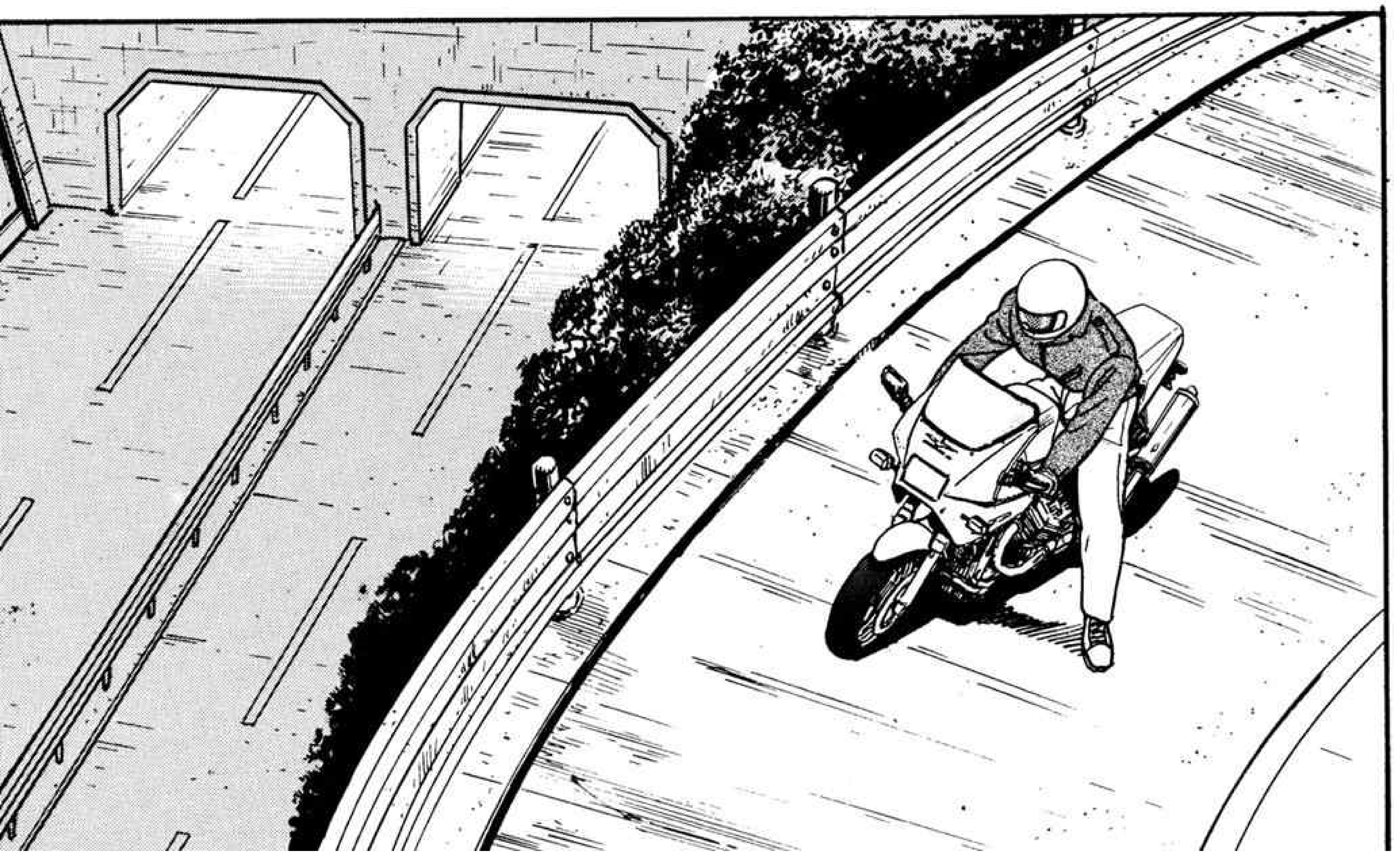
PART 6 LEAVING NO WORRIES



VVRRRRRRMMMMMMMM
WELL, WELL, WELL...
...HOW EXTRAORDINARY.
QUITE A COMPLIMENT TO HAVE GOLGO 13 SENT AS *BACKUP* ON ONE'S VERY LAST JOB... BIT OF AN EGO BOOST, THAT.
HOLD ON...THEY SAID THEY WANTED NO MARKS. WHY HAVE HIM MESS ABOUT WITH A PISTOL, THEN? AND HE MISSED HER, ONCE THE CAR STARTED TO SWERVE...
WHAT WAS THAT *LOOK* HE GAVE ME...?
VVVRRRMMMMMMMMMM
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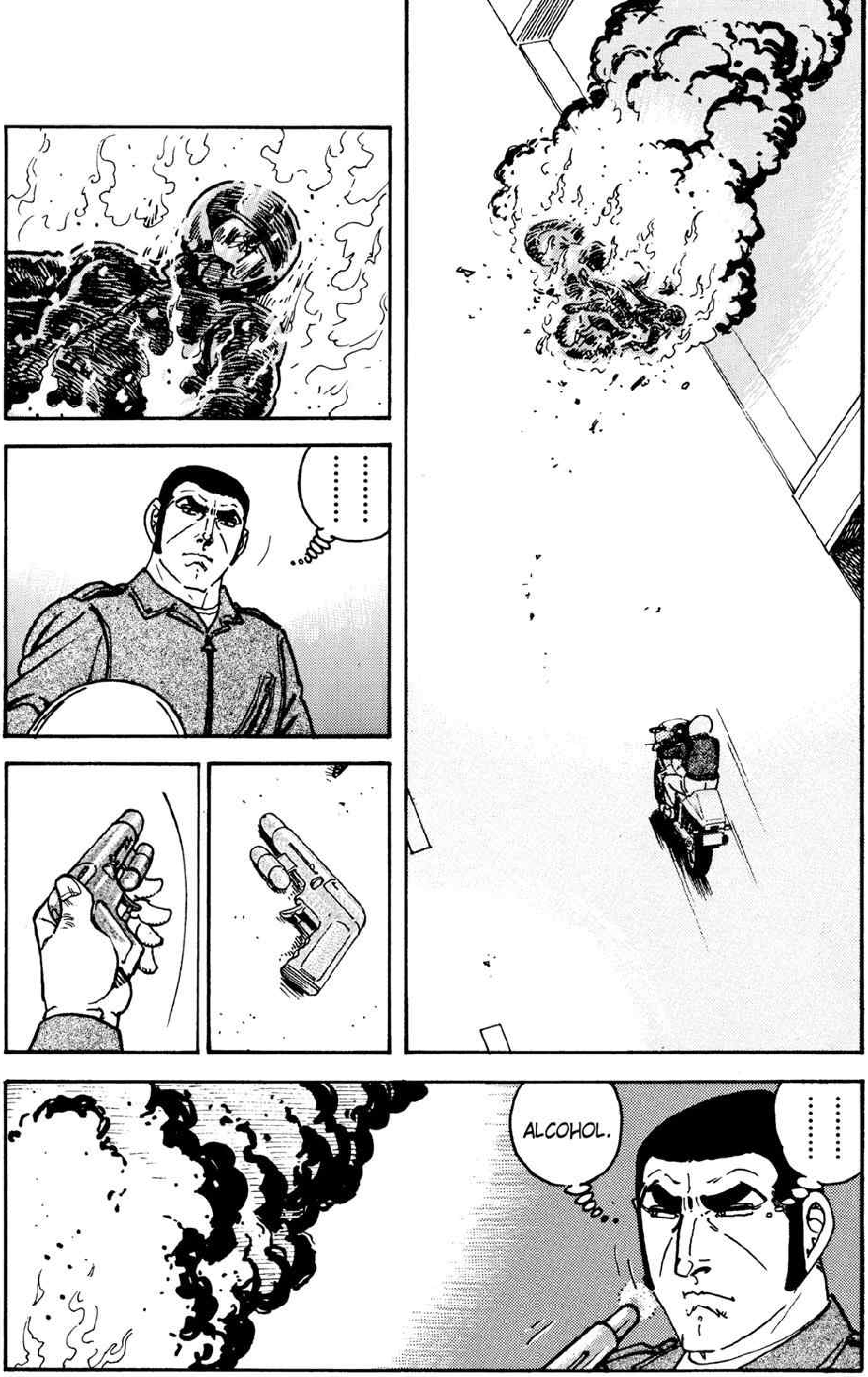
KRASHHHH
WHHUMF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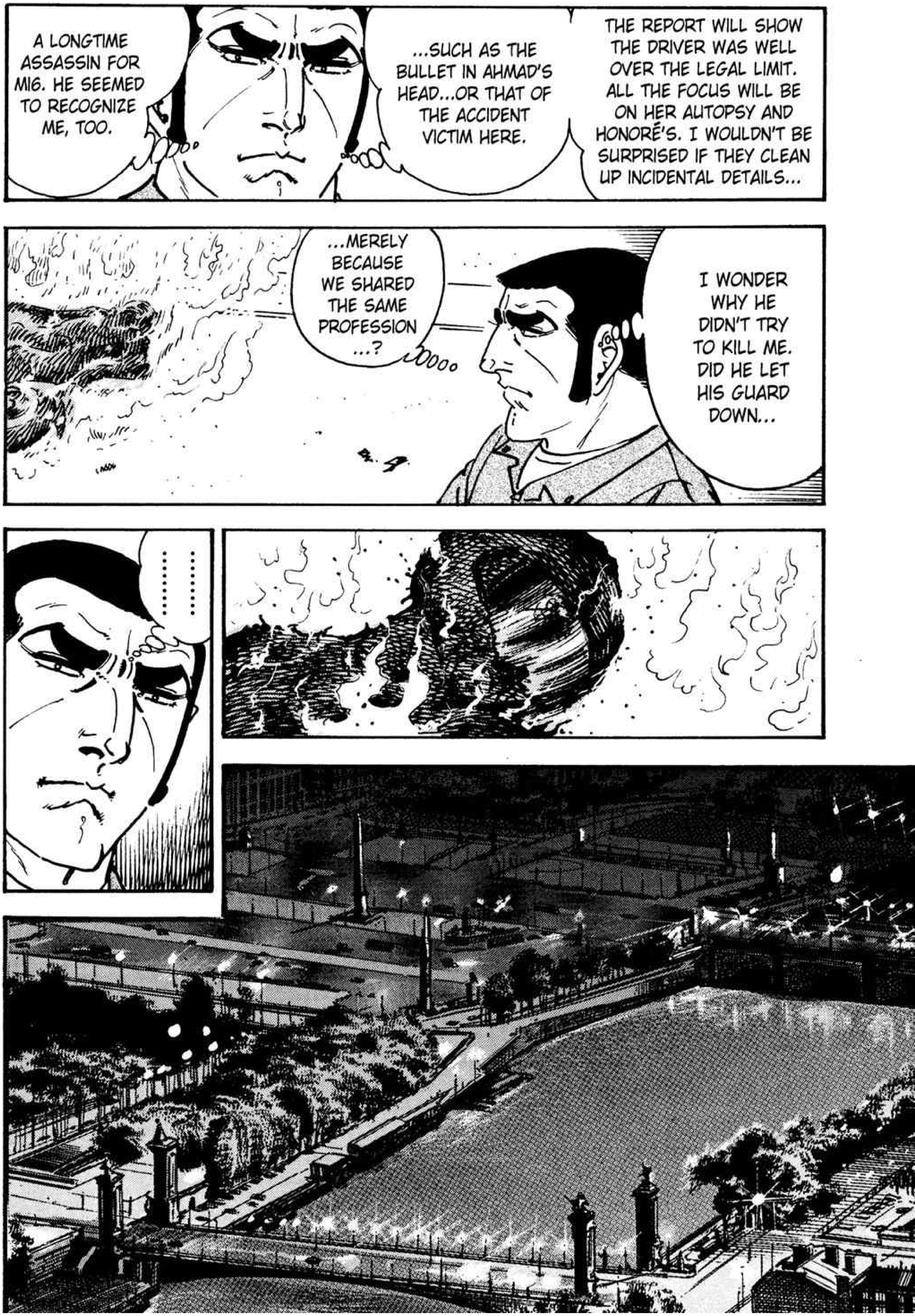
THE REPORT WILL SHOW THE DRIVER WAS WELL OVER THE LEGAL LIMIT. ALL THE FOCUS WILL BE ON HER AUTOPSY AND HONORÉ'S. I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY CLEAN UP INCIDENTAL DETAILS...
...SUCH AS THE BULLET IN AHMAD'S HEAD...OR THAT OF THE ACCIDENT VICTIM HERE.
A LONGTIME ASSASSIN FOR MI6. HE SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE ME, TOO.
I WONDER WHY HE DIDN'T TRY TO KILL ME. DID HE LET HIS GUARD DOWN...
...MERELY BECAUSE WE SHARED THE SAME PROFESSION...?
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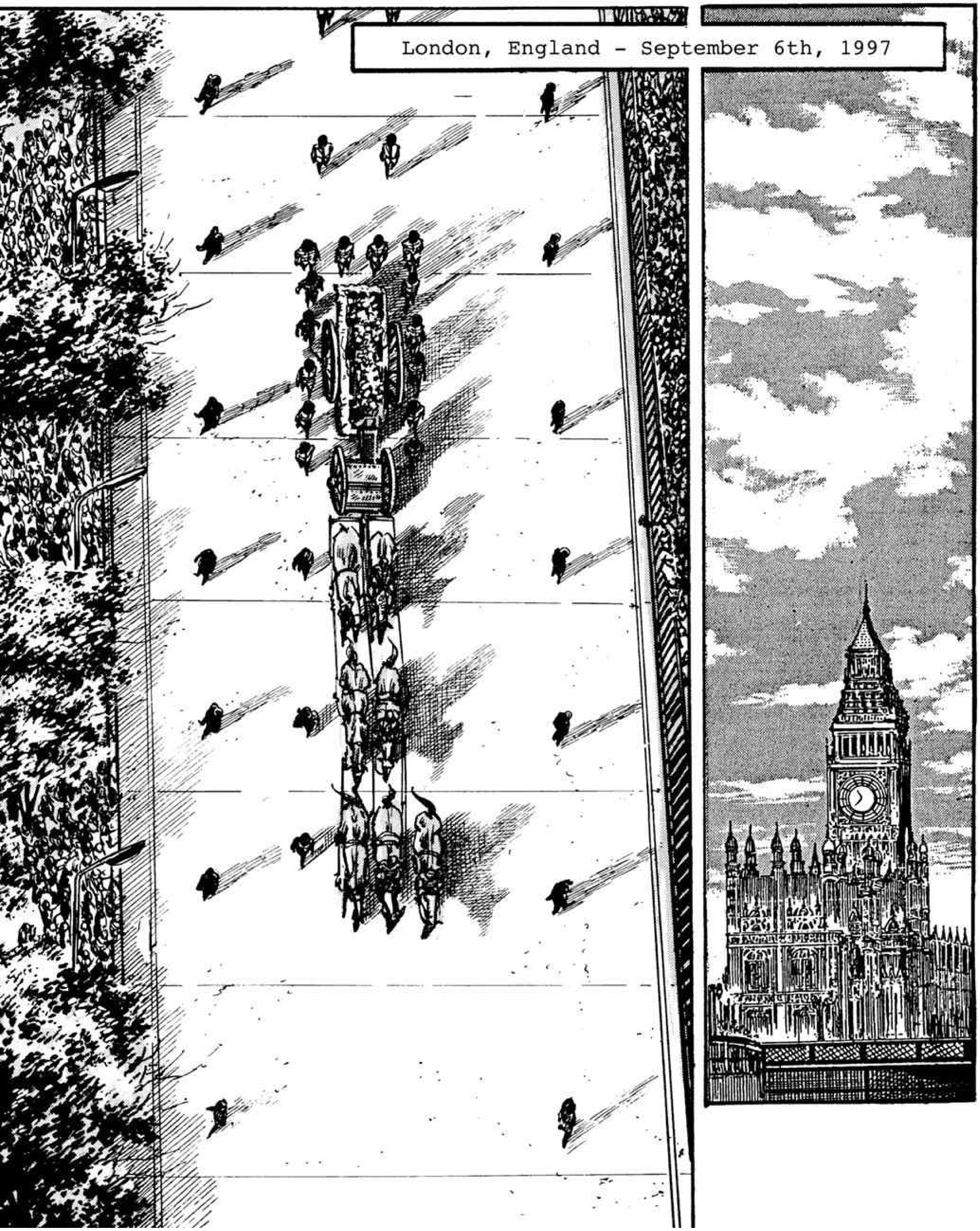
PART 7

THE MORNING THE FLOWER DEPARTS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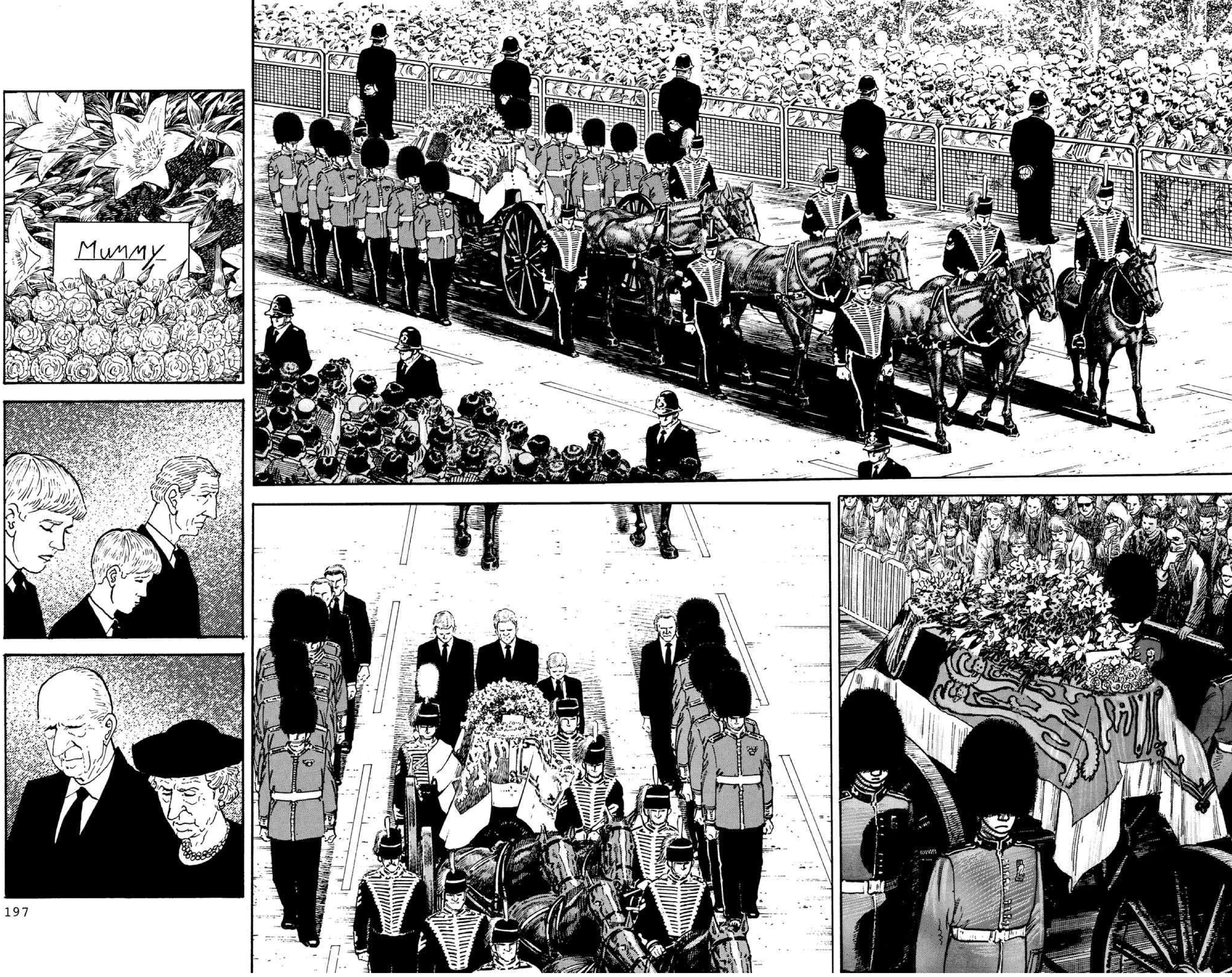
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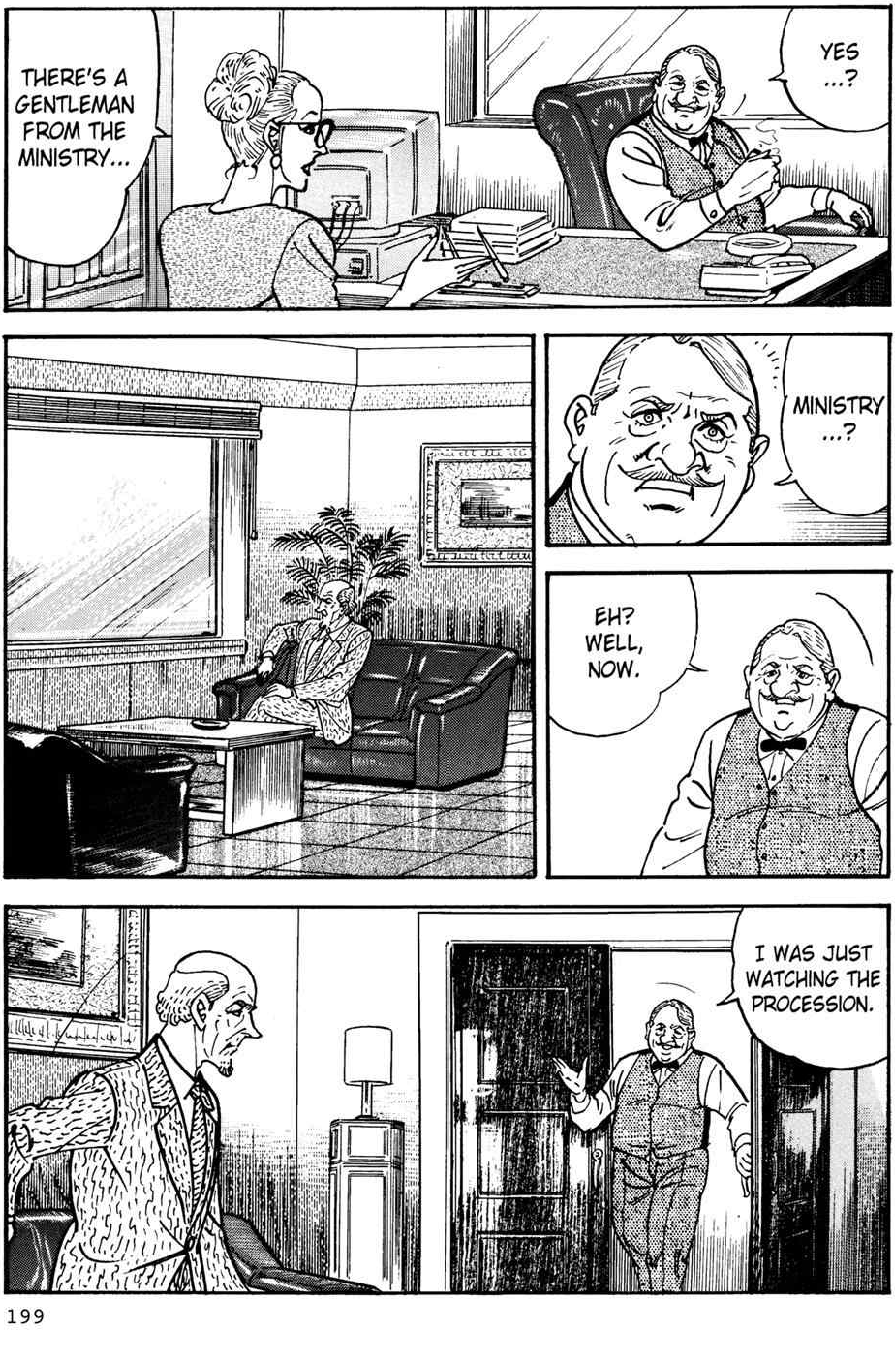
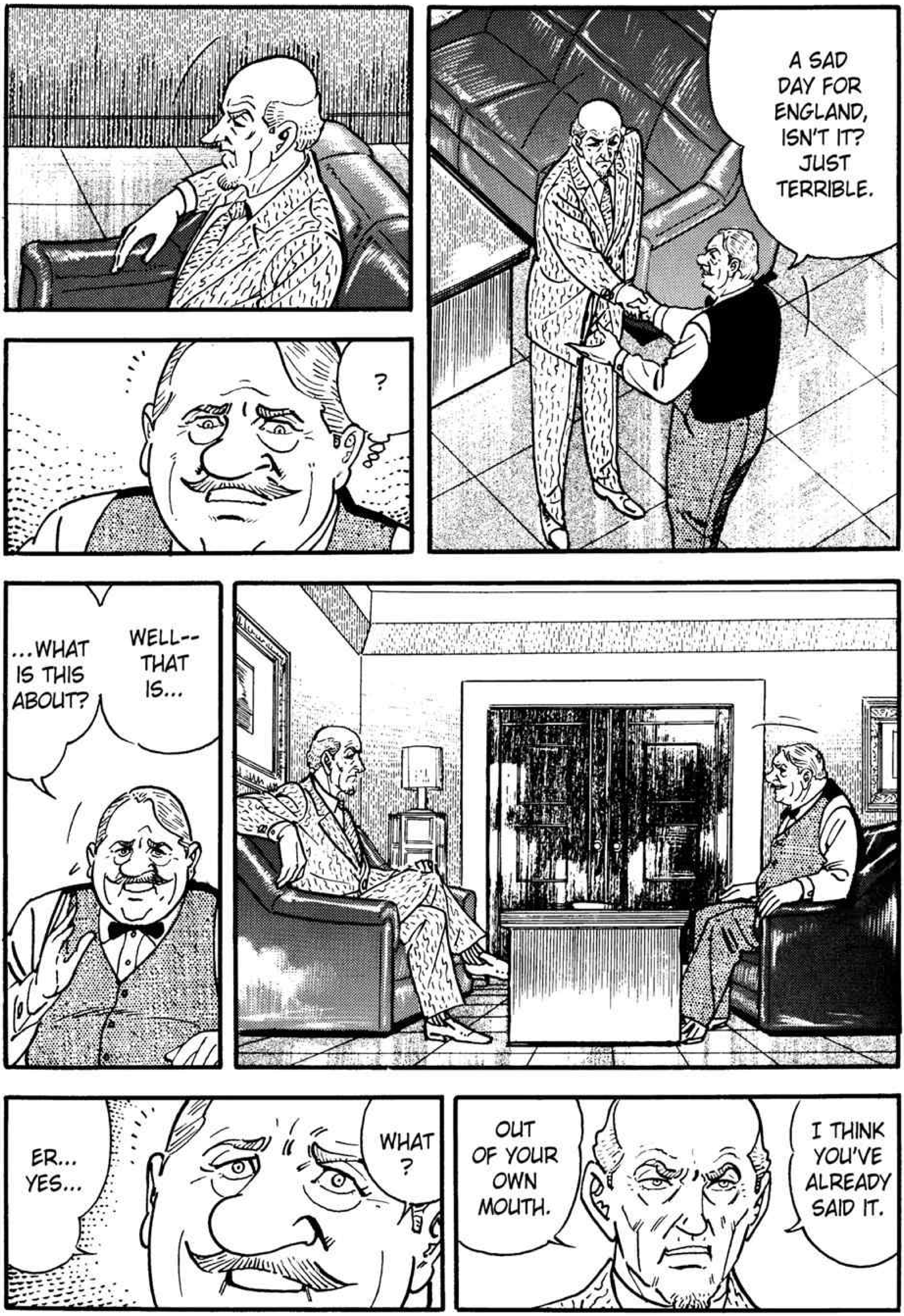
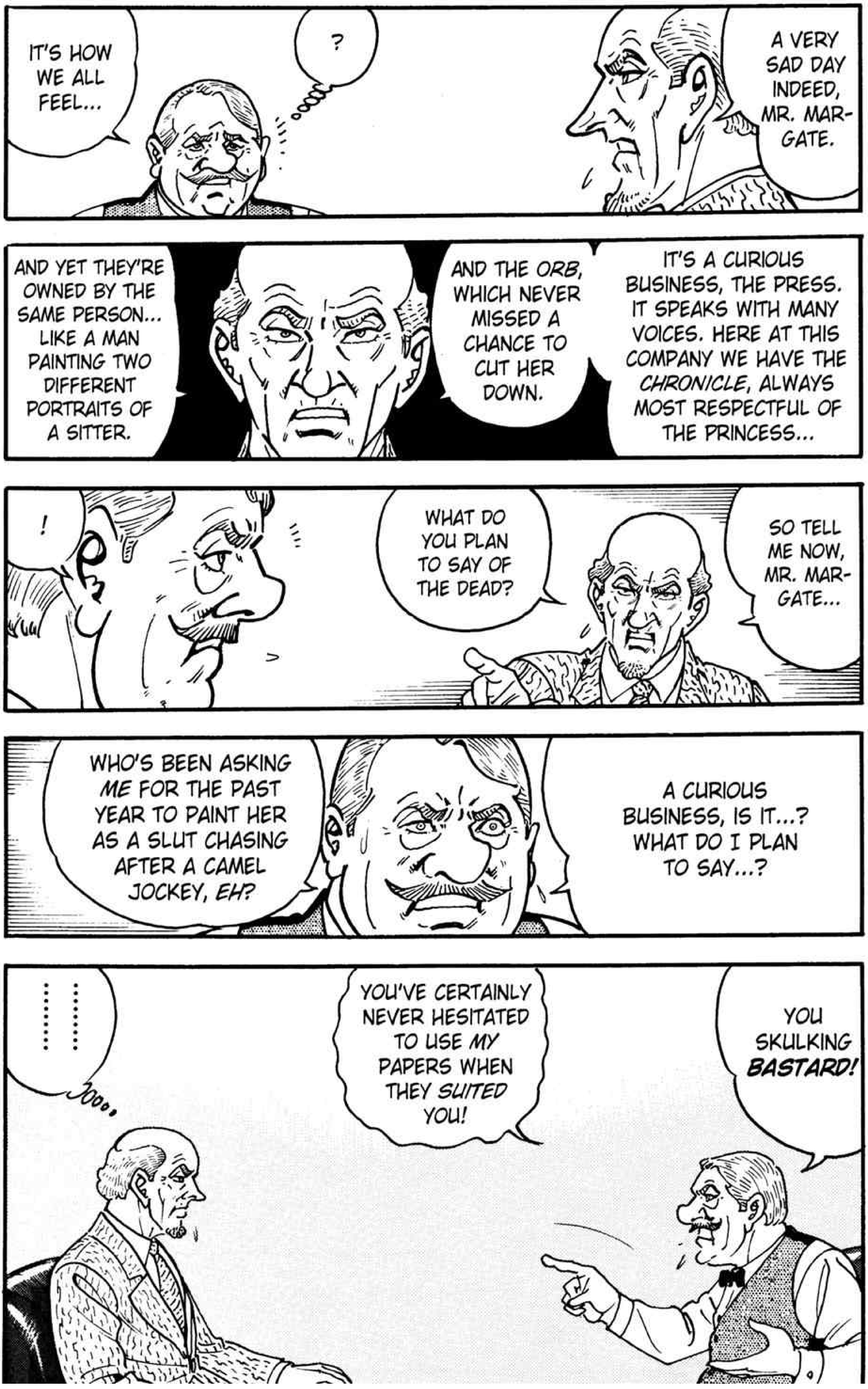
SIR.


YES ...?
THERE'S A GENTLEMAN FROM THE MINISTRY...
MINISTRY ...?
EH? WELL, NOW.
I WAS JUST WATCHING THE PROCESSION.


A SAD DAY FOR ENGLAND, ISN'T IT? JUST TERRIBLE.
?
...WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
WELL-- THAT IS...
I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY SAID IT.
OUT OF YOUR OWN MOUTH.
WHAT?
ER... YES...


A VERY SAD DAY INDEED, MR. MARGATE.
?
IT'S HOW WE ALL FEEL...
IT'S A CURIOUS BUSINESS, THE PRESS. IT SPEAKS WITH MANY VOICES. HERE AT THIS COMPANY WE HAVE THE *CHRONICLE*, ALWAYS MOST RESPECTFUL OF THE PRINCESS...
AND THE *ORB*, WHICH NEVER MISSED A CHANCE TO CUT HER DOWN.
AND YET THEY'RE OWNED BY THE SAME PERSON... LIKE A MAN PAINTING TWO DIFFERENT PORTRAITS OF A SITTER.
SO TELL ME NOW, MR. MARGATE...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO SAY OF THE DEAD?
!
A CURIOUS BUSINESS, IS IT...? WHAT DO I PLAN TO SAY...?
WHO'S BEEN ASKING *ME* FOR THE PAST YEAR TO PAINT HER AS A SLUT CHASING AFTER A CAMEL JOCKEY, *EH?*
YOU SKULKING **BASTARD!**
YOU'VE CERTAINLY NEVER HESITATED TO USE *MY* PAPERS WHEN THEY *SUITED* YOU!
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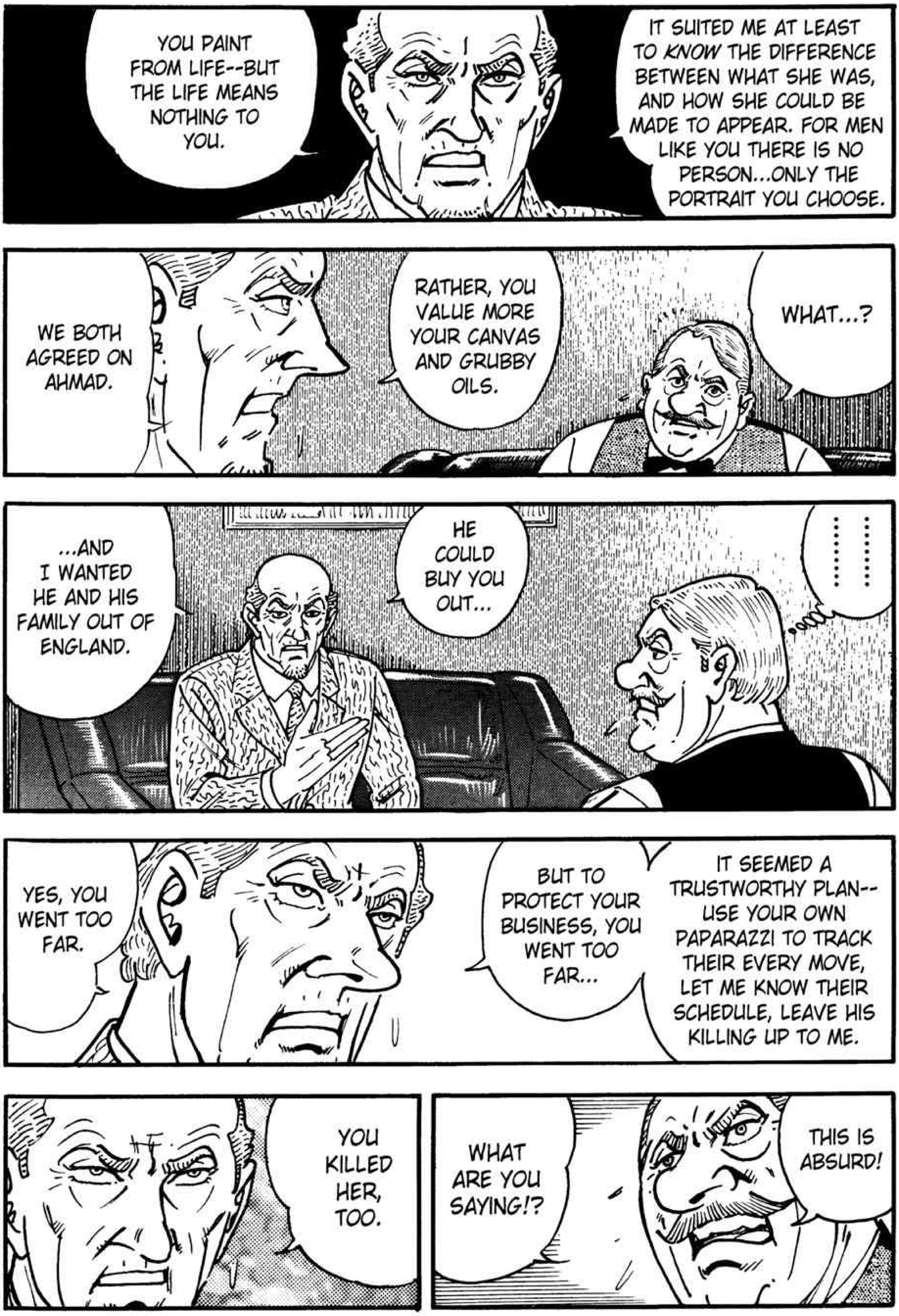
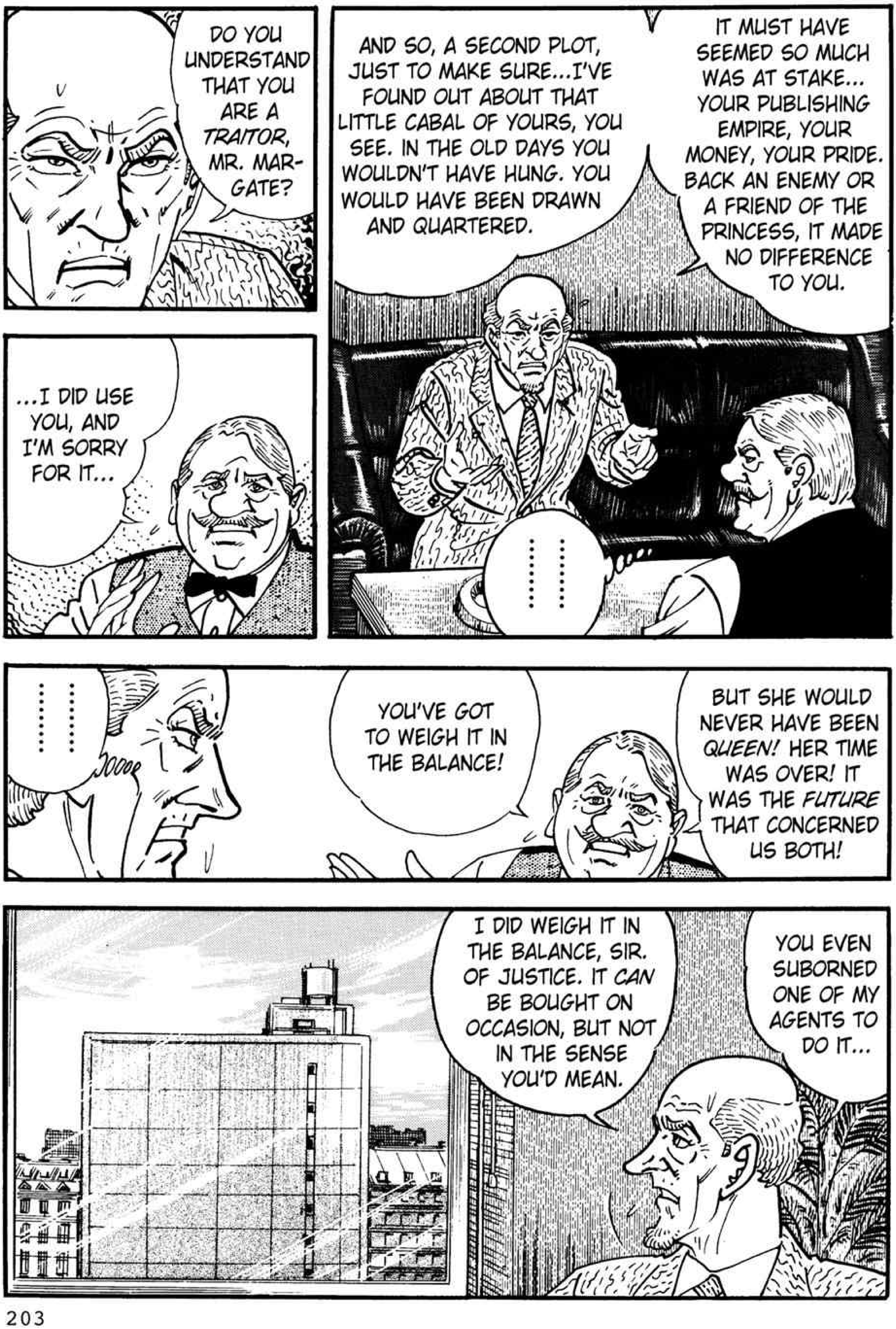
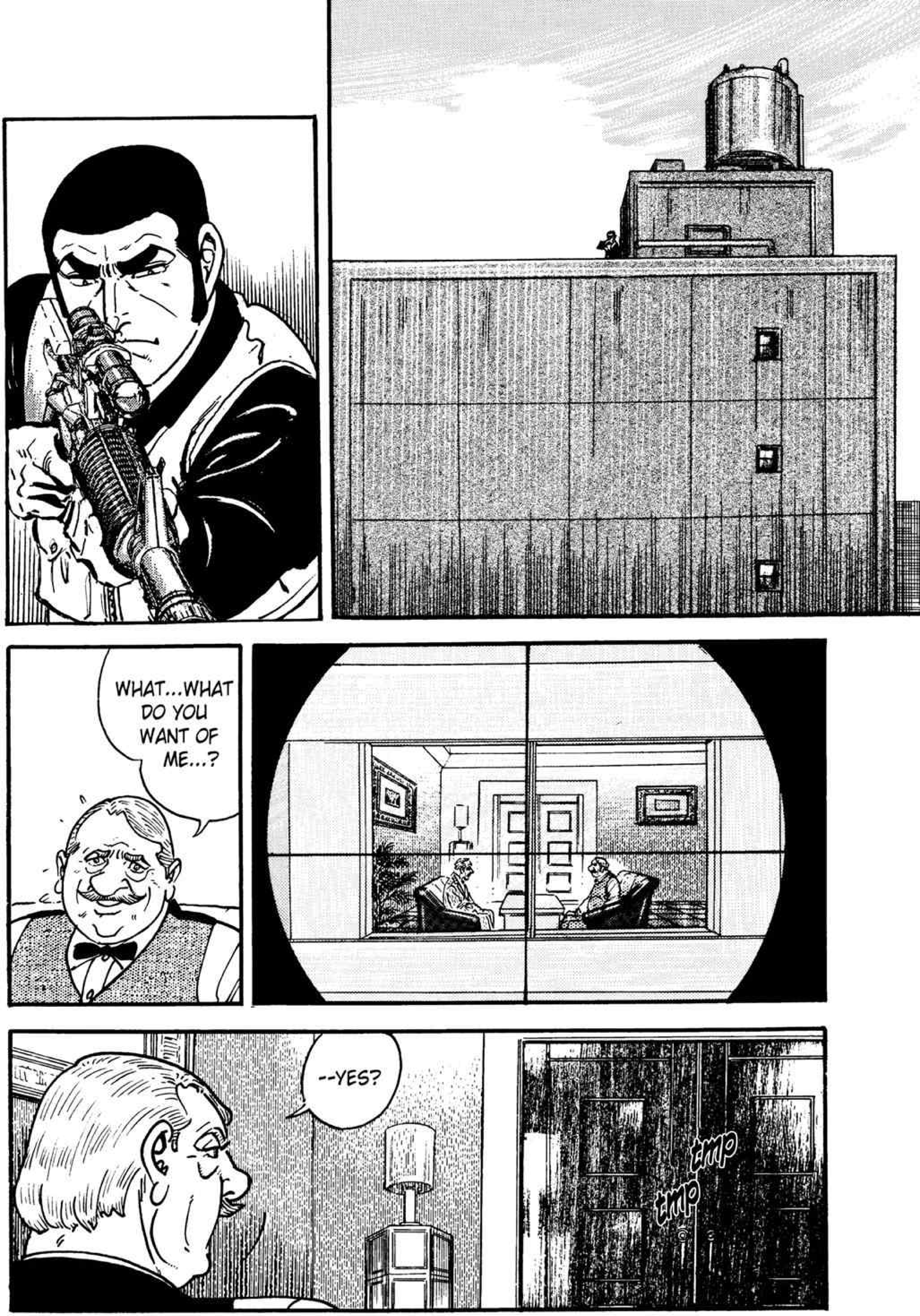

IT SUITED ME AT LEAST TO *KNOW* THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT SHE WAS, AND HOW SHE COULD BE MADE TO APPEAR. FOR MEN LIKE YOU THERE IS NO PERSON...ONLY THE PORTRAIT YOU CHOOSE.
YOU PAINT FROM LIFE--BUT THE LIFE MEANS NOTHING TO YOU.
WHAT...?
RATHER, YOU VALUE MORE YOUR CANVAS AND GRUBBY OILS.
WE BOTH AGREED ON AHMAD.
......
HE COULD BUY YOU OUT...
...AND I WANTED HE AND HIS FAMILY OUT OF ENGLAND.
IT SEEMED A TRUSTWORTHY PLAN--USE YOUR OWN PAPARAZZI TO TRACK THEIR EVERY MOVE, LET ME KNOW THEIR SCHEDULE, LEAVE HIS KILLING UP TO ME.
BUT TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS, YOU WENT TOO FAR...
YES, YOU WENT TOO FAR.
THIS IS ABSURD!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
YOU KILLED HER, TOO.


DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE A *TRAITOR*, MR. MARGATE?
AND SO, A SECOND PLOT, JUST TO MAKE SURE...I'VE FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT LITTLE CABAL OF YOURS, YOU SEE. IN THE OLD DAYS YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HUNG. YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN DRAWN AND QUARTERED.
IT MUST HAVE SEEMED SO MUCH WAS AT STAKE... YOUR PUBLISHING EMPIRE, YOUR MONEY, YOUR PRIDE. BACK AN ENEMY OR A FRIEND OF THE PRINCESS, IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO YOU.
...I DID USE YOU, AND I'M SORRY FOR IT...
......
......
YOU'VE GOT TO WEIGH IT IN THE BALANCE!
BUT SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN *QUEEN!* HER TIME WAS OVER! IT WAS THE *FUTURE* THAT CONCERNED US BOTH!
I DID WEIGH IT IN THE BALANCE, SIR. OF JUSTICE. IT *CAN* BE BOUGHT ON OCCASION, BUT NOT IN THE SENSE YOU'D MEAN.
YOU EVEN SUBORNED ONE OF MY AGENTS TO DO IT...


WHAT...WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME...?
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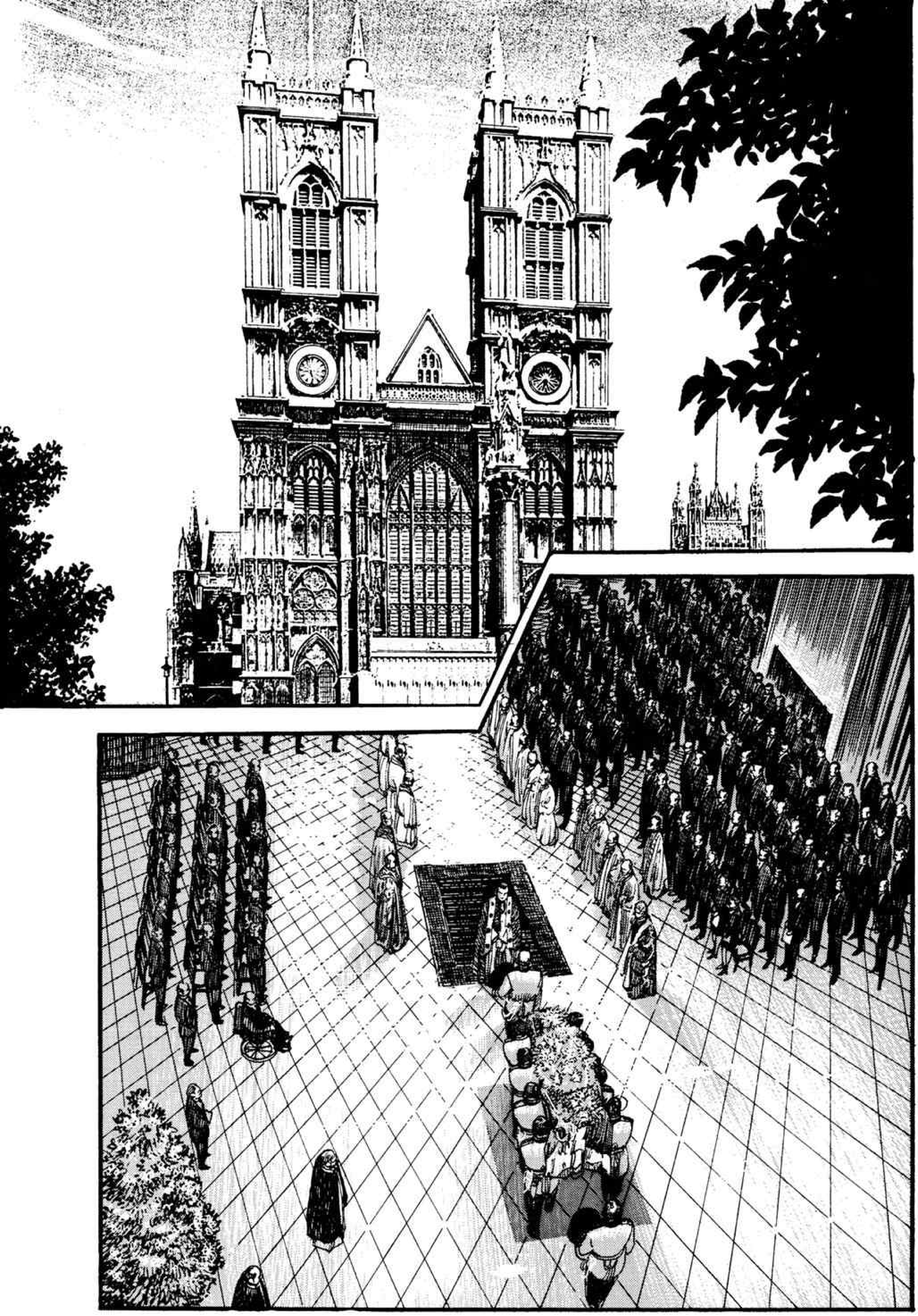
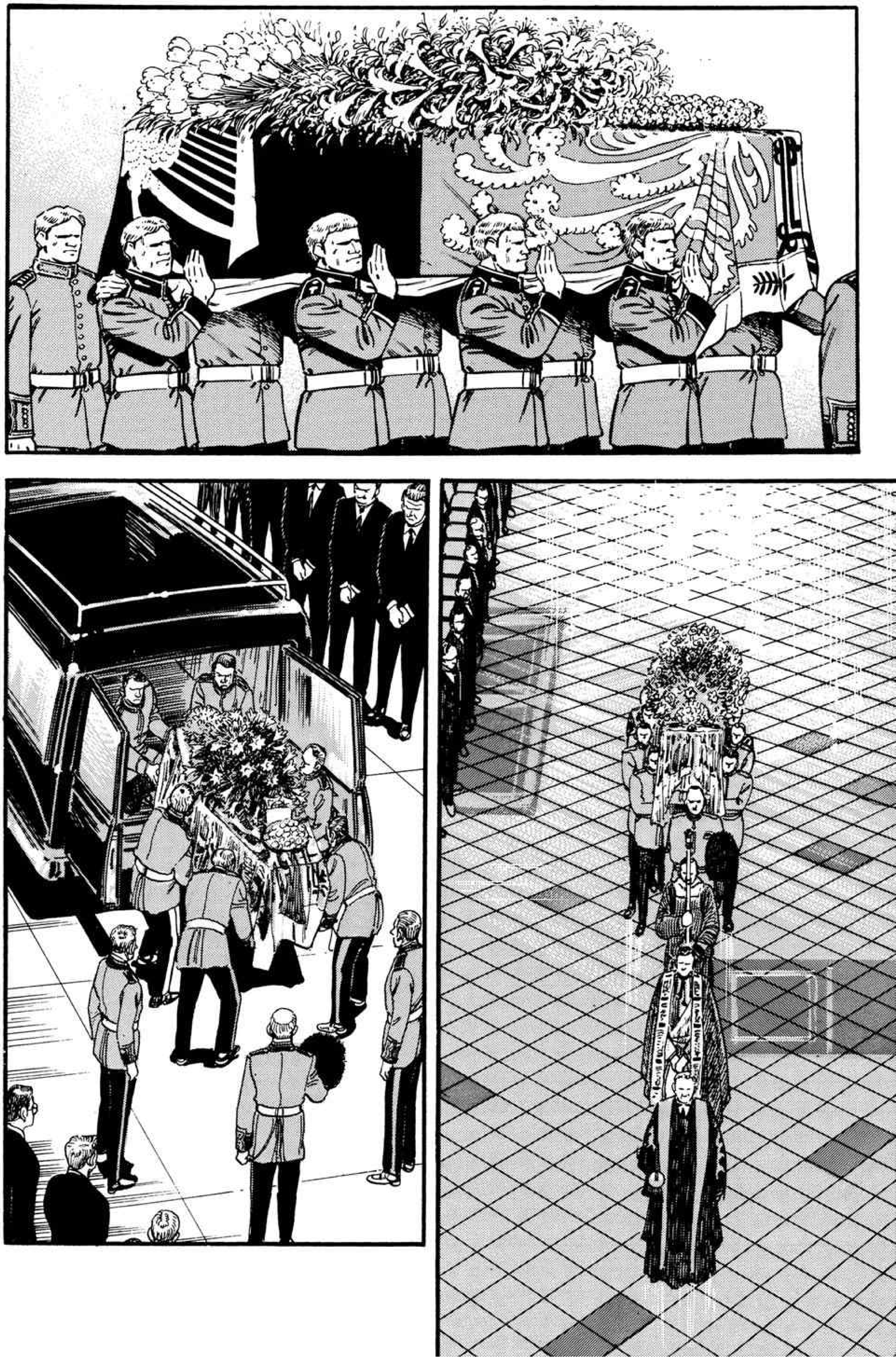
--YES?

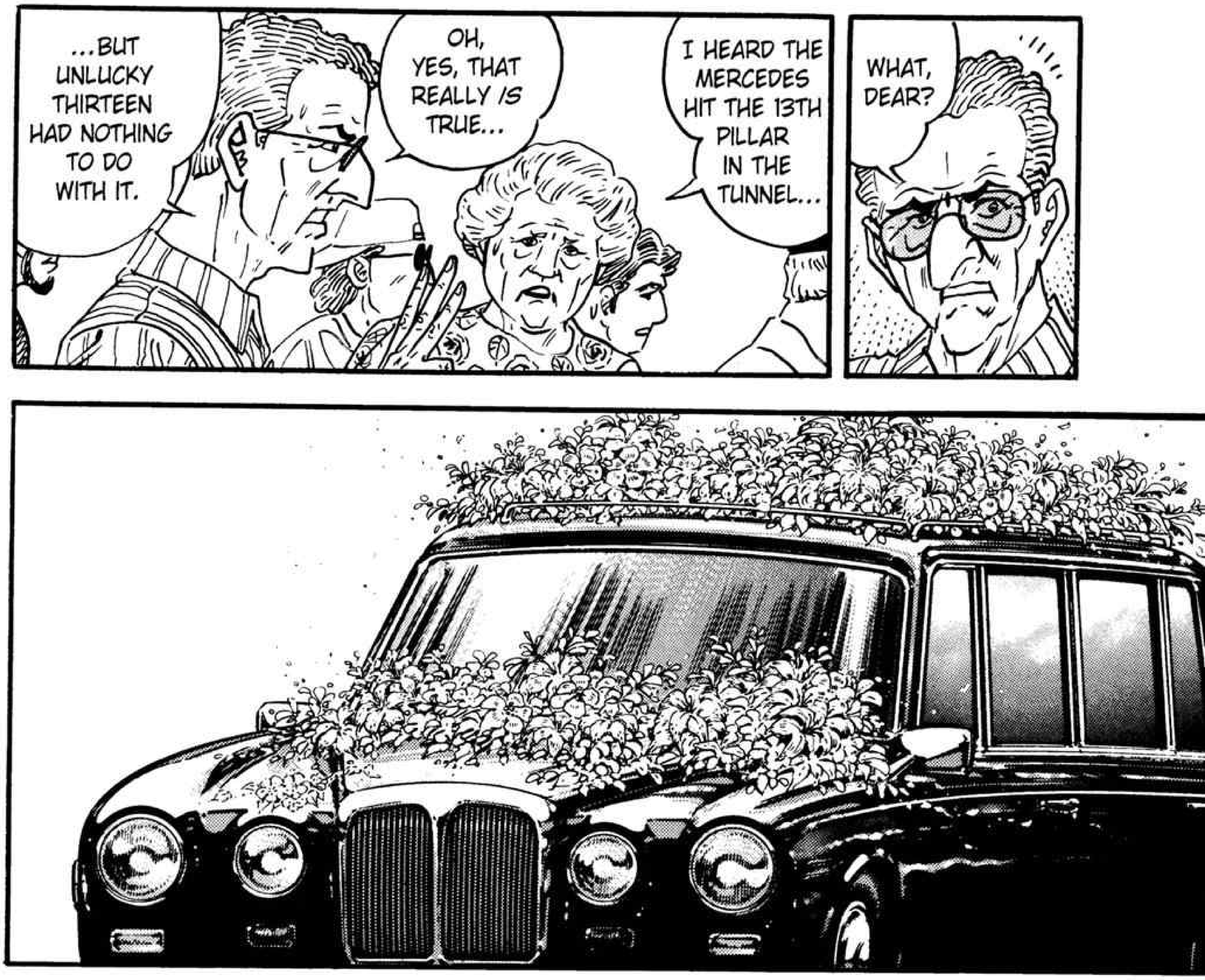
KRAKK
SIR, IT'S TIME...
WH--
EEEEYAA!

SIR! MY GOD, HE'S D-DEAD!
S-SIR!
QUICKLY! CALL THE POLICE!
NOTHING MORE.





OH, IT'S A TRAGEDY, HONEY, AND SHE WAS SO YOUNG…YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS BOUGHT *PEOPLE* EVERY TIME SHE WAS ON THE COVER.
…TO THINK THIS WOULD HAPPEN WHILE WE WERE VISITING.
YEAH…
USA
I WAS JUST THINKING…LOOK AT HOW CAREFULLY THEY CARRY HER…IF ONLY HER CAR HAD DRIVEN MORE SLOW THAT DAY…IF SHE'D BEEN CAREFUL, TOO…
HONEY, IS IT TRUE …?


...BUT UNLUCKY THIRTEEN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
OH, YES, THAT REALLY *IS* TRUE...
I HEARD THE MERCEDES HIT THE 13TH PILLAR IN THE TUNNEL...
WHAT, DEAR?

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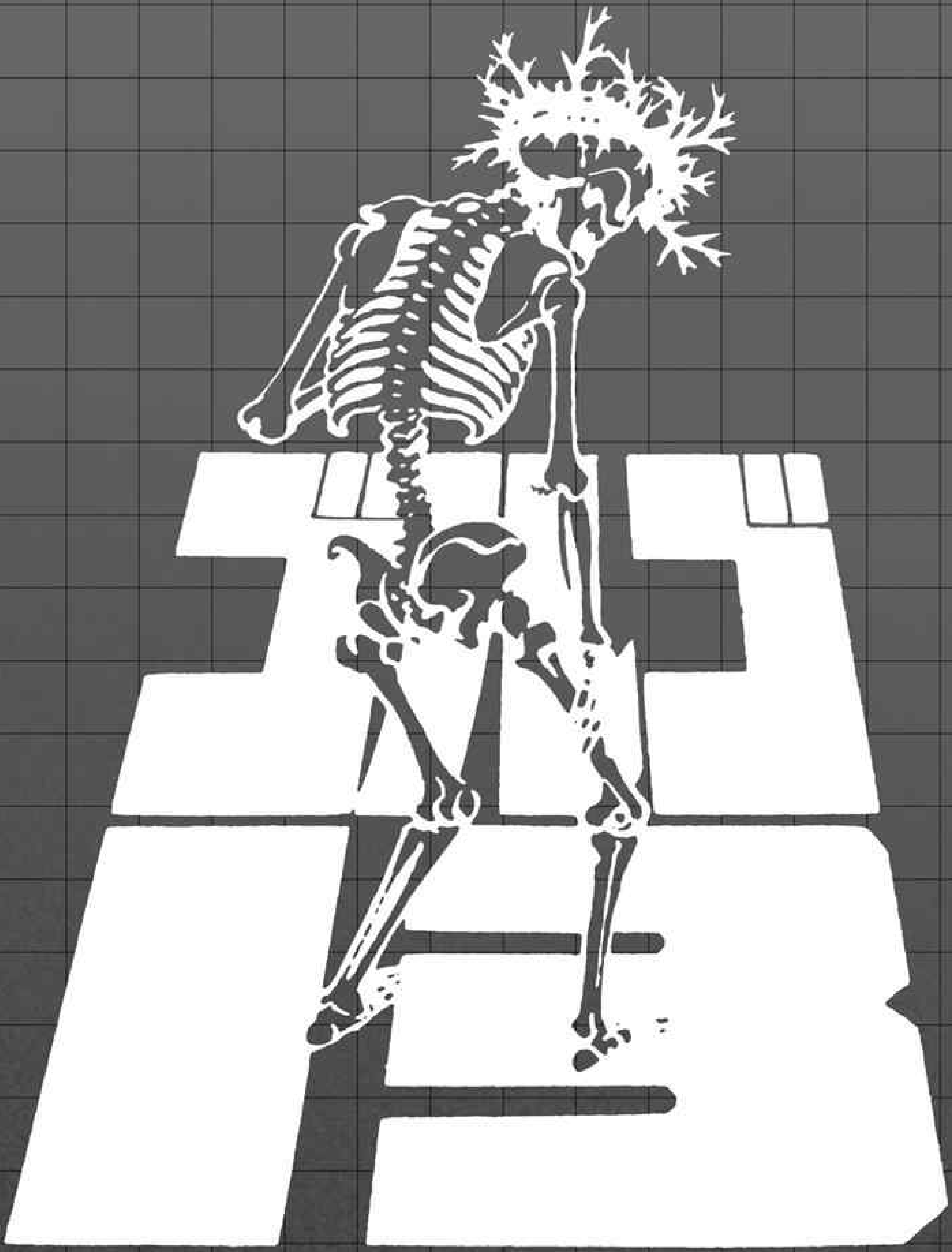
English Rose
Golgo 13 Story #369, November 1997

FILE 13

Secrets of the World's Deadliest Assassin

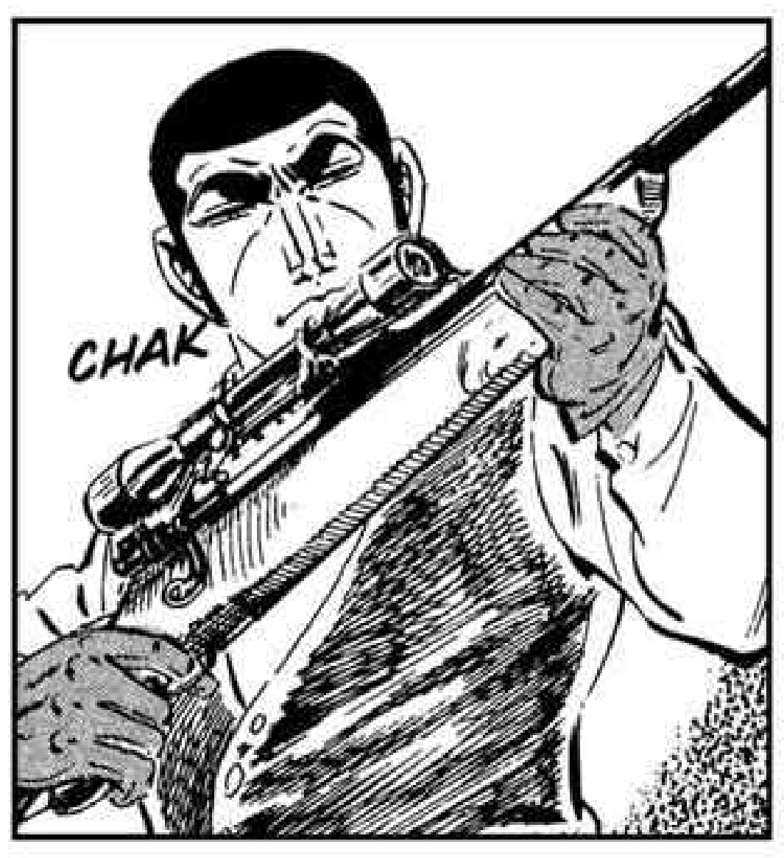


Summary: History and profile of **GOLGO 13** (a.k.a. "Duke Togo," other aliases) since 1968; sources include former KGB, CIA, SIS, Mossad, and other world intelligence agencies.

From a Messerschmitt to a pen gun—the killer synonymous with the M16 rifle has nevertheless used or encountered an astonishing array of weapons on assignment. A sampling is detailed below.

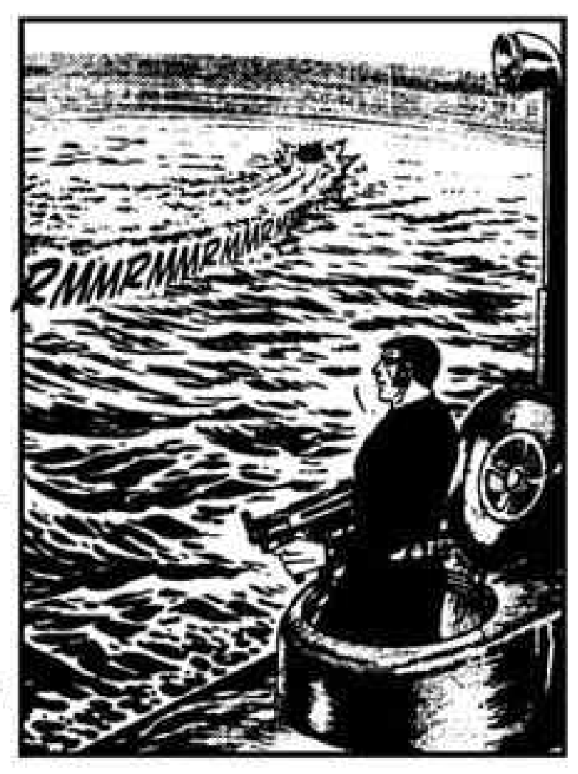
1. Weatherby Mark V

A bolt-action sporting rifle, expensive and well-made, first introduced in 1957 and still manufactured today. Intended for big game, its .300 Weatherby Magnum bullet is considerably more powerful and generally more suitable for sniping at longer range than Golgo's habitual M16 (see note 14 under "The Assault Rifle as Sniper Weapon" in Vol. 03's "File 13"). Ironically, one of the reasons many military snipers would forego the use of a weapon such as the M16—the risk of the automatically-ejected shell casing becoming evidence of their presence—happened to G13 with the manually-ejected Weatherby shell, as it unintentionally fell away from the hotel balcony he was using as a firing perch.



2. Kaiten

The submarine equivalent of a kamikaze plane, the Kaiten was a torpedo modified by the Japanese Navy near the end of WWII; one crewman would guide the Kaiten and its warhead on a suicide run into an enemy vessel. Golgo restored one of the unused units that survived the war to serve as a water-based sniping platform (Story #284, "Dire Wolf at Sea," 1990).



A Cray I supercomputer once determined that Golgo 13 must have died, under conditions

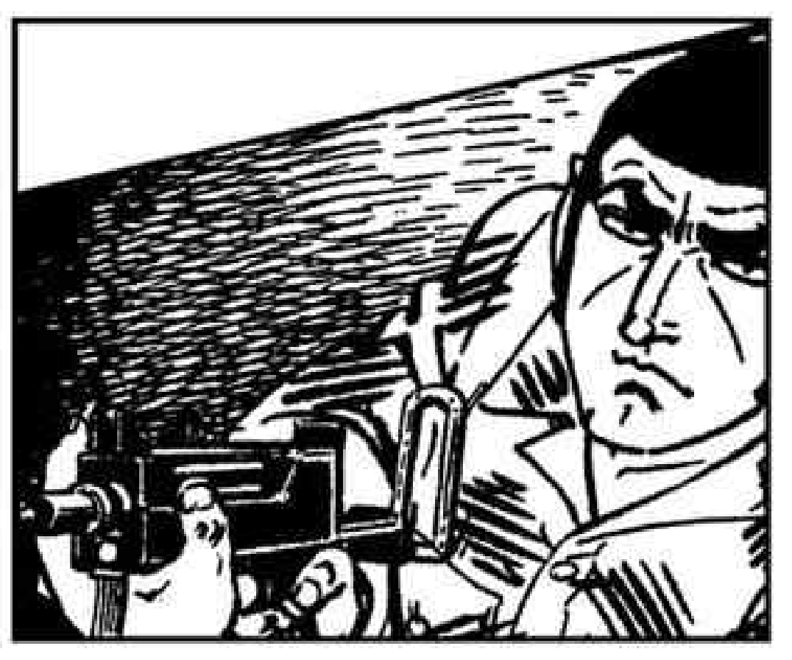
"incompatible with human life...

Probability of Target G's survival is now zero..."

(Story #216, "Major Operation," 1984)

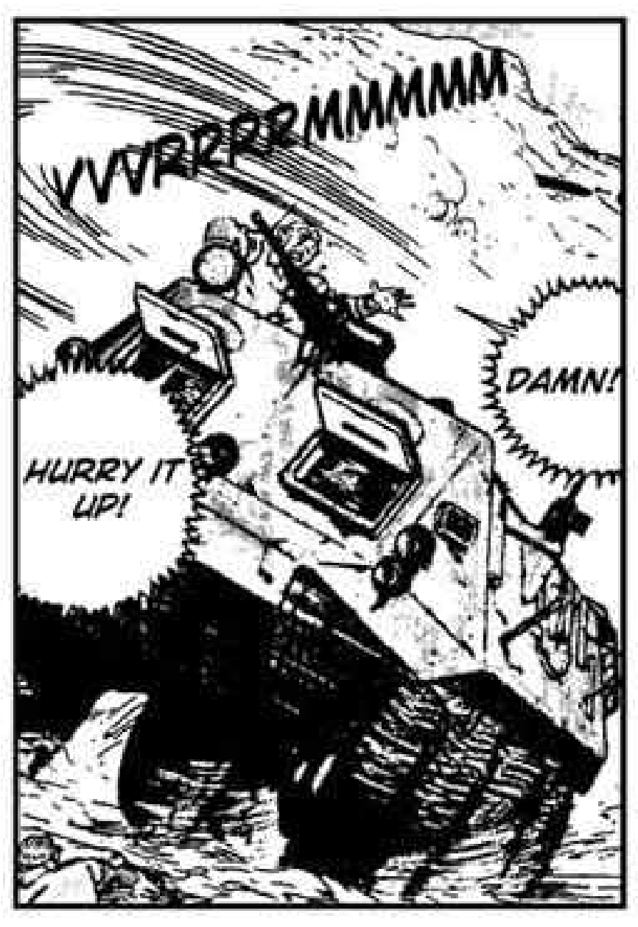
3. Ingram Mac-10

Designed in 1964 by Gordon Ingram, this compact submachine gun was chambered for the then-standard U.S. Army .45 pistol ammunition, but the military showed only limited interest in the weapon and since the 1970s it has often been more associated with street gangs (Story #250, "Battle of Sons," 1987).



4. BTR-60 APC

Eight-wheeled amphibious armored personnel carrier developed by the former USSR in the late 1950s. Used in combat as late as the 1980s, during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan (Story #334, "A 50-Year Solitude," 1994).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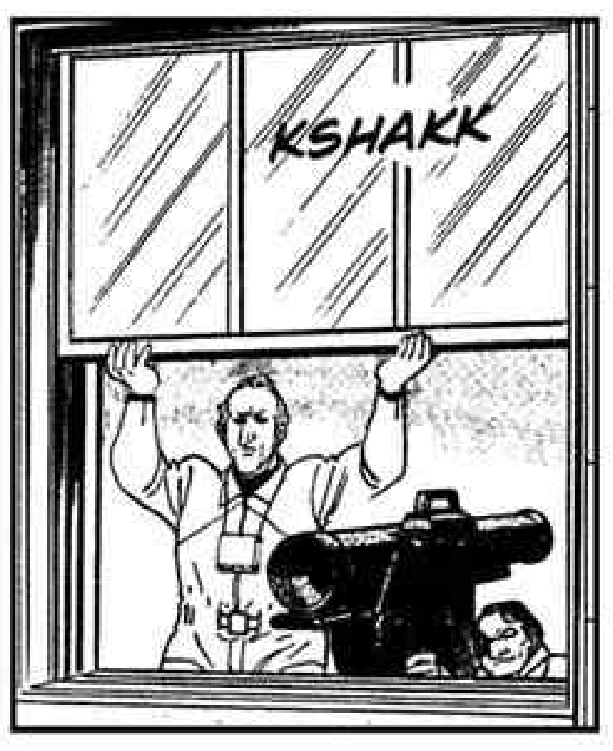
DAMN!
HURRY IT UP!

5. MILAN 2

An acronym for Missile d'Infanterie Legere ANtichar—Infantry Light Anti-Tank Missile—the jointly French-German designed MILAN 2 is 120 cm long with a weight of 7.1kg, making it easily portable. Able to hit targets at a range of up to 2000 m, the MILAN 2 is guided by its operator to its target—a weakness Golgo exploited to foil the assassination of Dame Margaret Thatcher (Story #327, "Knights of the Round Table," 1993).



Characteristics of a Sniper

A sniper waits hours, even days, to fire one shot. On one occasion (Special Edition Story #40, "1 Second Out of 36,000," 1994) Golgo 13 spent 10 hours looking through a scope with his finger on the trigger. It is a career requiring extreme patience and perseverance. Military snipers often work with a partner. In the photo here is a two-man Serbian sniper team operating during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia. The sniper's companion carries an AK-47 assault rifle, ready to defend their position at short range if the enemy comes upon them (compare this practice to Golgo's reasons for using an assault rifle itself as a sniper weapon in Vol. 03's "File 13."). Kenjiro Kato notes he observed an 11-man Croatian unit forced to retreat against three Serbian snipers. Effective sniping is a fearful tactic—so much so that it has often been known in modern wars for soldiers to execute captured snipers rather than hold them as prisoners. Even by the standards of the battlefield they may be hated as cold-blooded killers.

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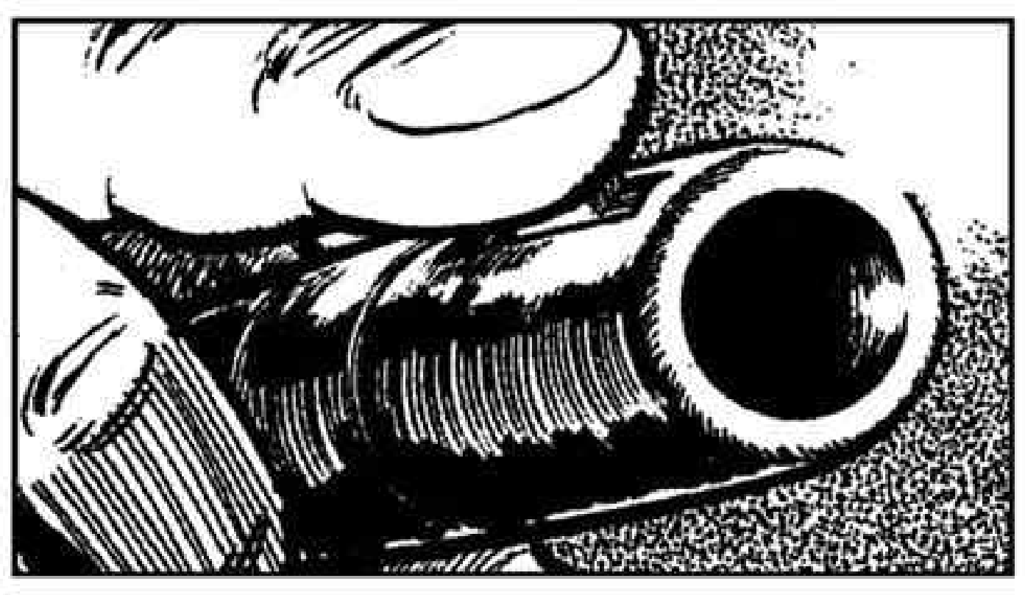
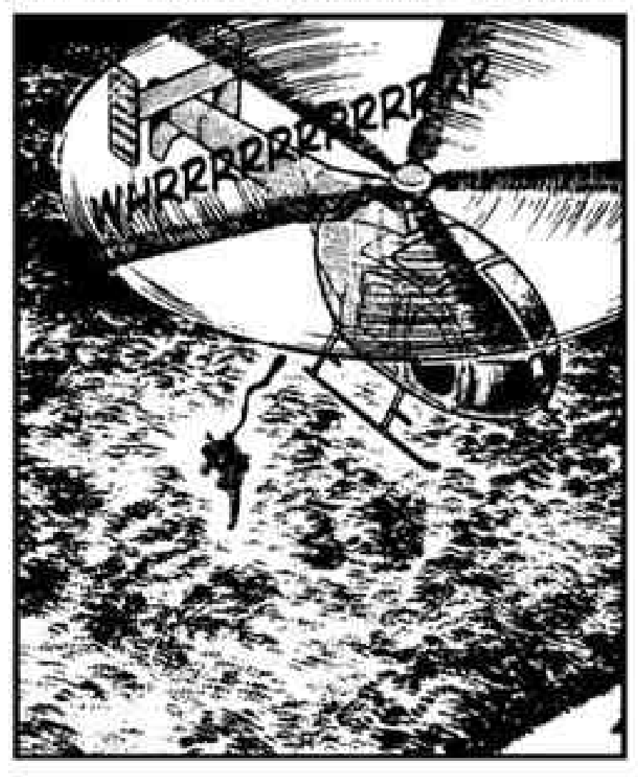
6. Pen Gun



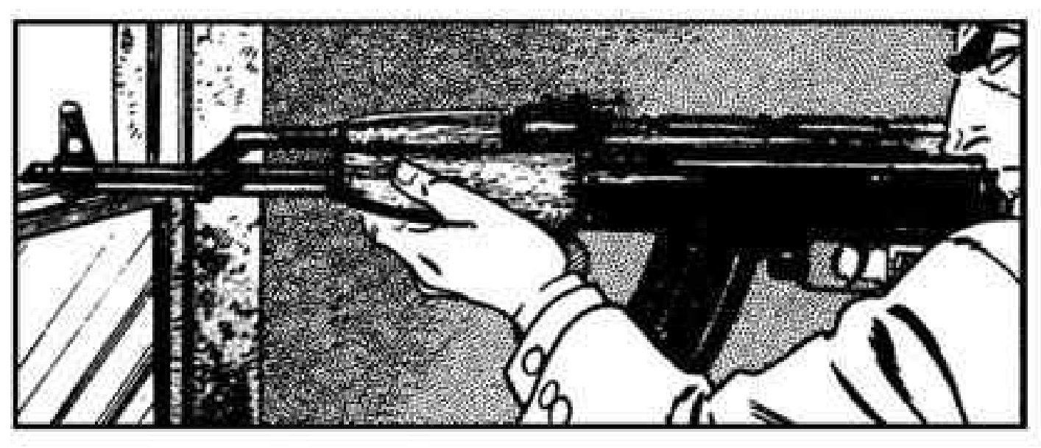
Dating to the early part of the 20th century, these are typically weapons firing a single .22 caliber bullet, designed for a surprise attack on an unwary victim (as opposed to a trained operative, who may recognize the ploy) at ranges of no more than three meters. Kenjiro Kato reports that in Pakistan, even a tourist may acquire one with ease (Story #290, "The Deaths of June 3rd," 1990).

7. MD 520N NOTAR

The McDonnell Douglas corporation has successfully applied their NOTAR (an acronym for NO TAil Rotor) system where ducted downdraft from the main overhead blades both provides greater stability than an ordinary copter, and operation that is up to 40% quieter, making it more suitable for infiltration purposes (Story #318, "Bionic Soldier," 1993).

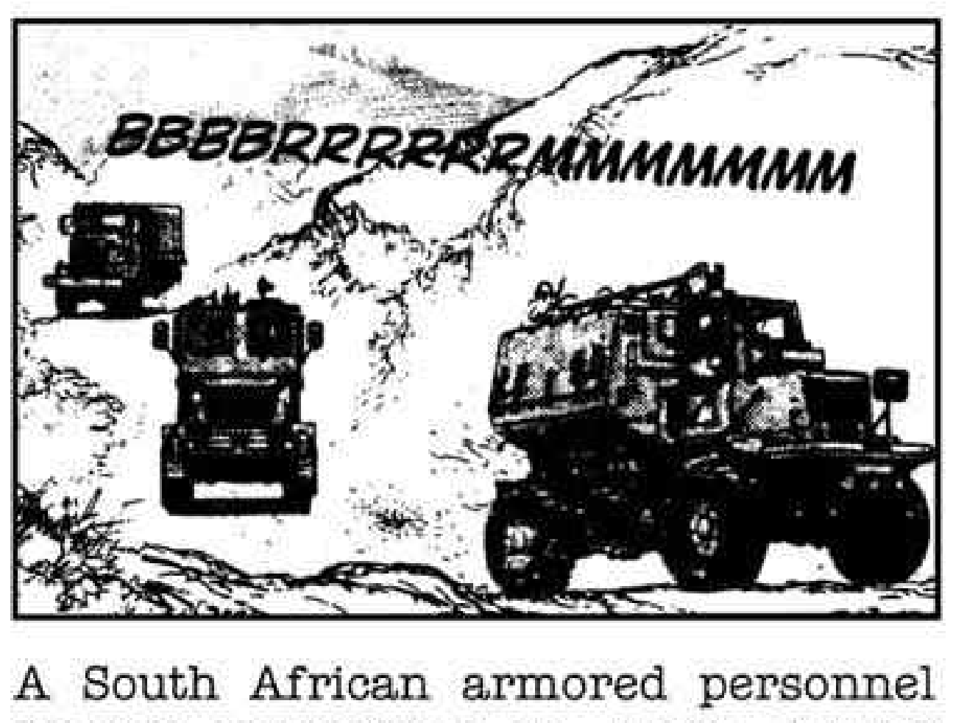


8. AKM



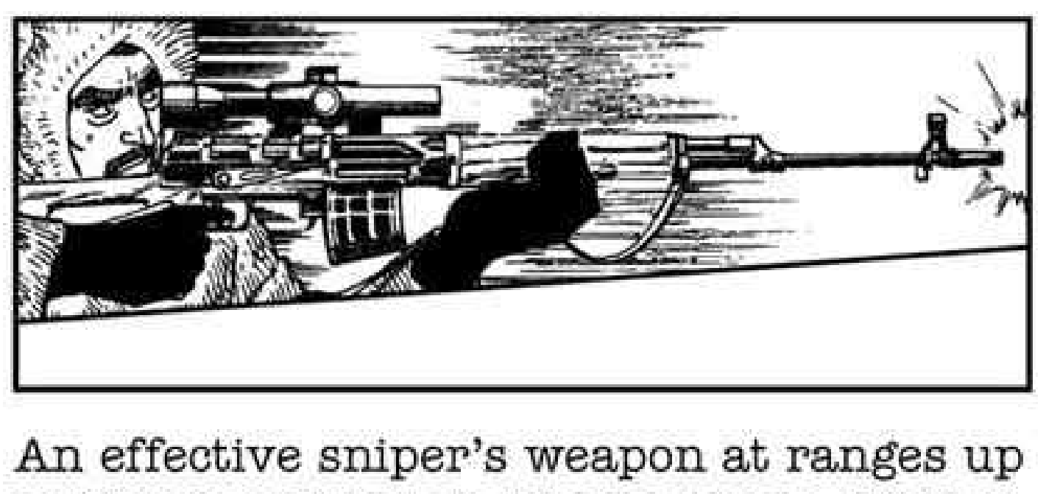
Many assault rifles misidentified as the Soviet AK-47 are in fact AKMs, a lighter and somewhat more accurate 1959 upgrade of the same weapon. One of the world's most widely encountered weapons, it is still being manufactured in Russia today (Special Edition Story #38, "Sniper Street," 1994).

9. Buffel APC



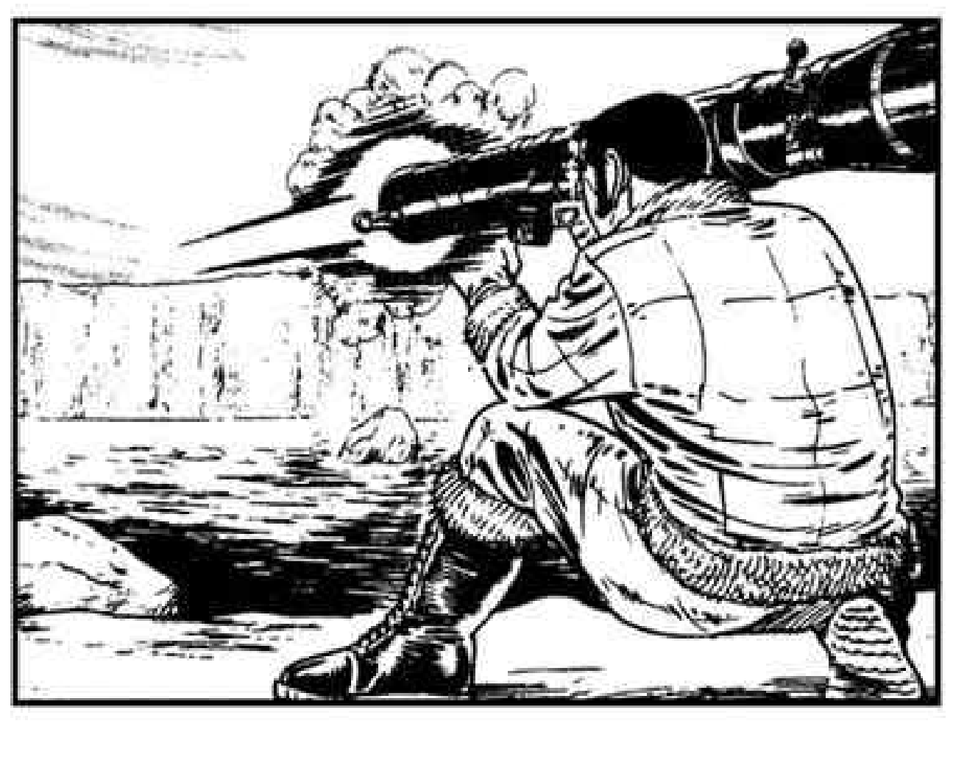
A South African armored personnel carrier introduced in 1978 during that nation's war with Angola, the Buffel carried up to ten soldiers and was designed for special resistance against mines (Story #333, "Power to the People," 1994).

10. Dragunov



An effective sniper's weapon at ranges up to 600 m (although hits as far as 1300 m have been claimed for it), one Dragunov was assigned to each rifle squad of the old Soviet Army, to be used by a designated marksman. Introduced in 1963, the semi-automatic Dragunov incorporated a highly advanced PSO-1 4-power scope with passive infrared and battery-powered reticle and rangefinder. The weapon has been featured several times in *Golgo 13*, but its earliest appearance is believed to have been in the hands of a Finland border guard (Special Edition Story #37, "The Snow Demon," 1994).

11. Carl Gustav M2



Versatile 84mm anti-armor and antipersonnel recoilless rifle introduced by the Swedish Army in 1946 and still in use today by many forces worldwide, including the Japanese SDF and U.S. Army Rangers. Kuni Kimura once remarked that the English-language editor was known as "84mm" in certain otaku circles in Japan, an apparent reference to the weapon (Story #243, "Iceberg Cut," 1986).

The Mind of the Target

The warriors sent against Golgo 13 have often fought to the last man, but again, in a military situation, events are quite different—should a certain number of soldiers get sniped without a clue to the shooter's location, a tactical retreat, or at least a hunkering down, is the more likely scenario. Simply because bursts of sustained fire have become the combat norm since WWII (see "The Assault Rifle as Sniper Weapon" in Vol. 03's File 13) to lose comrade after comrade to sudden, single bullets is all the more frightening. If the sniper's location can be determined, a unit will rarely hesitate to respond with disproportionate force, whether or not they have counter-snipers of their own—for example, if they can use mortars, artillery, or fire directed from a tank or helicopter to destroy the shooter's position, they most certainly will.

- **Lockheed F-104 Starfighter**
In a scheme elaborate even by Golgo's standards, he acquired this supersonic interceptor jet on the international arms market (the F-104 had been phased out of U.S. Air Force service a decade previously), used it to force down a USAF Galaxy C-5A cargo plane to a landing in the Faeroe Islands, loaded the Starfighter within the Galaxy's cargo hold, and then ordered the crew to fly the Galaxy to an air base in Iceland, where upon landing Golgo launched the Starfighter out the hold, wheeling back for a short attack run at a building on the base where a woman writing a book on him was being guarded (Story #147, "Queen of Mystery," 1979).

- **McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II**
Versatile twin-seat fighter-bomber that saw much service in Vietnam; later manufactured by Mitsubishi under license. Golgo used it to assist with and escape from an assassination in Bolivia; a F-4 arriving supposedly to take his target to safety was in fact piloted by Golgo, who shot him as he approached the plane (Story #125, "Pouring Into Lake Titicaca," 1977).

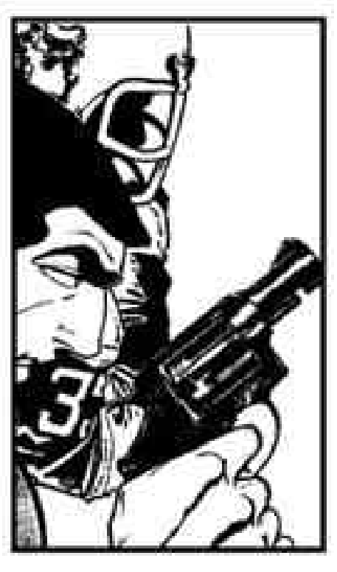
- **Nuclear submarine**
Golgo infiltrated the crew of the Russian nuclear submarine *Polniya* posing as an observer from the Indian Navy (which has both leased and purchased ships from Russia); he displayed a good general knowledge of its layout (Story #326, "Hati at 90°N," 1993).

- **Remington M37 Rangemaster Custom**
High-quality bolt-action target and hunting rifle, not made since 1954. Fires the .30-06 caliber (7.62 x 63mm) cartridge. While briefly under arrest in Canada, a local policeman observed that the ammo was also customized for the colder, more resistant air (Story #118, "Ice Lake Hit," 1977).

- **M3A1**
This, the legendary "Grease Gun," was an American WWII .45 caliber submachine gun designed to be mass-produced cheaply (in fact, the M3A1 was stamped out by the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors). The weapon was one of several in the arsenal of a guerilla camp Golgo was hired to destroy in the Philippine Cordillera Central (Story #274, "Assassination Instructor of the North," 1989).

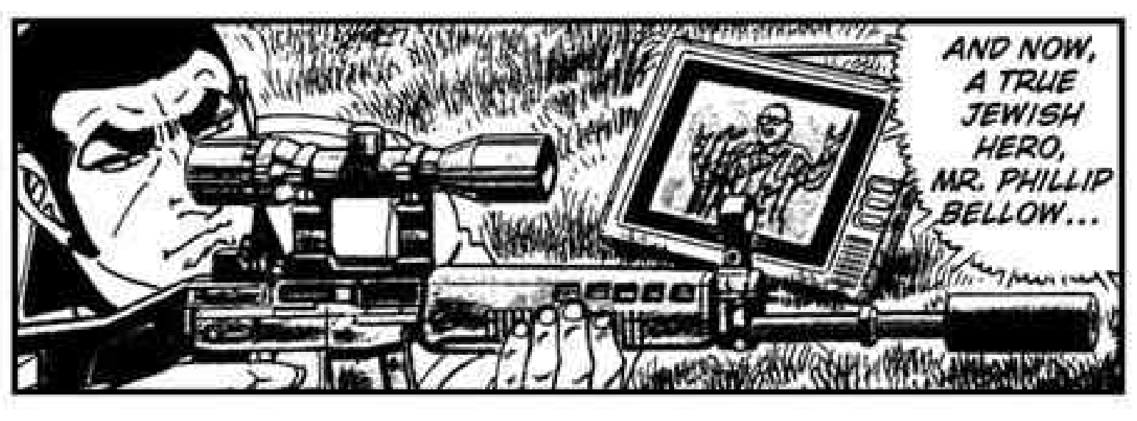
- **C-54 Skymaster**
WWII military version of the Douglas DC-4 passenger airliner; widely used as a personnel transport. This four-engine propeller plane could seat 50 and had a range of 4000 miles at a cruising speed of 190 mph; a C-54 served as the first "Air Force Ones" for Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. Golgo flew one in U.S. Army Air Force uniform as part of a complicated ruse to fool an elderly nun in a Swiss mountain village into believing she was back in the time of the Second World War (Story #20, "Code Name *Insect*—The Final Spy," 1970).

12. Smith & Wesson .38



Golgo habitually carries a S&W .38 caliber revolver for self-defense: either a Model 10 Military & Police type with a 2-inch barrel, or the small "J" frame Model 36 Chief's Special. The choice reflects both his wish for concealability and his gunfighting skill (although a Kevlar vest can easily stop a .38, Golgo may count on scoring a headshot), all balanced with his essential caution—if unexpected danger calls for more than five or six shots, G13 would seek to escape and/or steal an enemy's weapon.

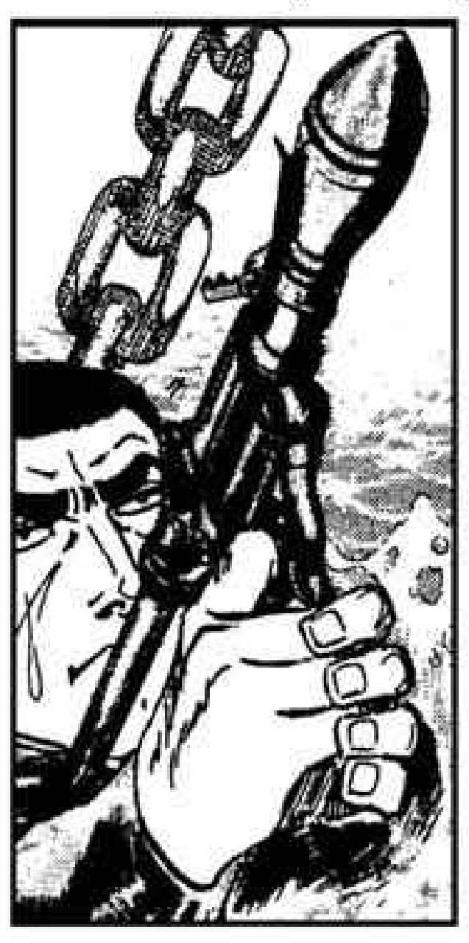
13. Stgw90


AND NOW, A TRUE JEWISH HERO, MR. PHILLIP BELLOW...

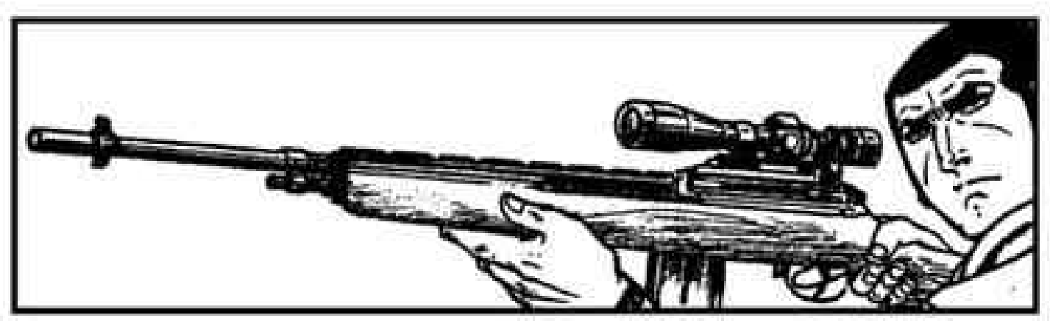
When the Swiss Army adopted the domestic SIG 550 as their official assault rifle in 1983, the multilingual force designated it the *Fusil d'assault 90* in French and the *Sturmgewehr 90* in German; from which comes the contraction Stgw90. Golgo used it when hired to assassinate a man who had been a secret wartime collaborator with the Nazis (Story #303, "Circular Village," 1991).

14. Kampfpistole

A vintage German WWII infantry weapon; basically, a flare pistol converted to fire grenades up to 300m. Neither especially powerful nor accurate at the extremity of its operating range, Golgo found it quite adequate to bring down a helicopter with reasonable stealth (Special Edition Story #39, "A Fierce Southern Current," 1994).



15. M14



This was the official infantry rifle of the U.S. Army prior to the adoption of Golgo's beloved M16; ironically, Golgo himself keeps a M14 stored in one of the cabins he owns. Firing a heavier, 7.62 x 51mm cartridge, it is capable of full auto fire and is very accurate; the rifle is still in use by marksmen in the U.S. Marine Corps (Special Edition Story #14, "He Who Brings About Calamity," 1986).

Famous Quotes: Anna, an ESPer employed by the former Soviet KGB, once said of him,

"He must . . . have knowledge in Zen . . . or else . . . he is also a psychic . . ."

(Story #184, "Telepath," 1982)

- **Heckler & Koch G3**
Standard infantry rifle of West (and later united) Germany until 1997; a model A3Z *Zielfernrohr*, or "Telescope," was employed in a failed assassination attempt on Libyan leader Muammar al-Qaddafi (Story #149, "Funeral in Tripoli," 1979).

- **T-72 Tank**
Main battle tank developed in the Soviet Union in the 1970s; still in use today in the Russian armed forces as the upgraded model T-90. The T-72 has also served with nations in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East, including Iraq, which gave the tank the designation "Lion of Babylon" (Story #302, "Revelation of a Coup d' État," 1991).

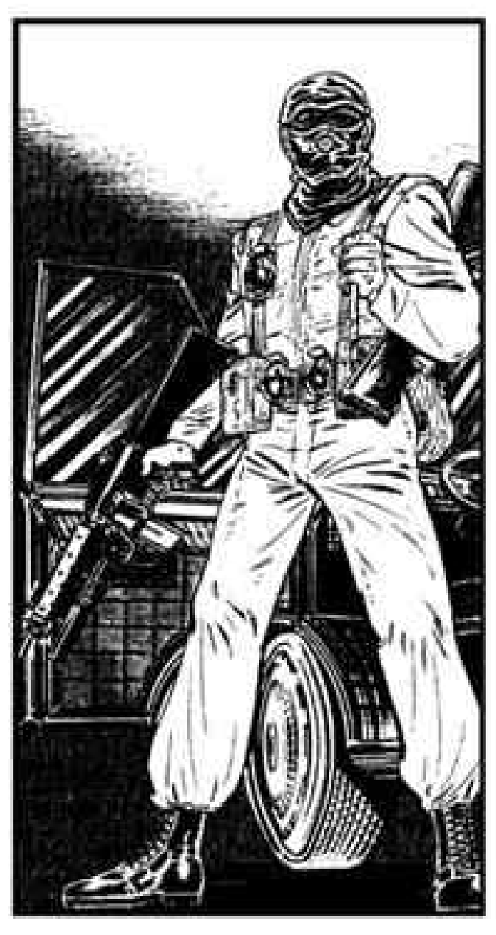
- **SSG buckshot**
A European grade of shotgun pellet; at 6.8 mm, it is just smaller than the American #2 buckshot. A Hong Kong policeman once challenged Golgo to a gunfight using an over-under shotgun with an SSG load (Story #62, "The Wolf of Kulong," 1972).

- **Boattail ammo**
Whereas most rifle bullets are tapered (or pointed) at the front, a boattail round also tapers towards the back. This shape is intended to reduce air turbulence in the wake of the bullet, and thereby allow greater long-range stability. This was the ammo in Golgo's Remington M37 Rangemaster—see listing above (Story #118, "Ice Lake Hit," 1977).

- **Armor-piercing ammo**
Originally made of steel alloys, today's AP shell may utilize depleted uranium (see below) for its density and extreme heat-generating effect. (Special Edition Story #48, "Full Mark," 1996).

- **Holland & Holland**
Founded in 1835, this London firm, by appointment to HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, is the world's most prestigious maker of bespoke hunting rifles and shotguns. Golgo purchased a Holland & Holland to skeet-shoot against a rival assassin in Addis Adaba (Story #131, "The Cheerful Sniper," 1978).

18. M203 Grenade Launcher



40mm grenade launcher designed to be attached beneath the barrel of a M16 assault rifle, introduced near the end of the Vietnam War. Golgo used it on a rare occasion when he agreed to undertake a military assault (Story #183, "Into The Wolves' Lair," 1982).

19. Messerschmitt Bf 109

The most famous fighter plane of the WWII German Luftwaffe, Golgo, to help stage a deception (see listing for C-54 Skymaster above) was able to obtain one from Czechoslovakia, which continued to manufacture it after the war under the names Avia S-99 and Avia S-199 (Story #20, "Code Name *Insect*—The Final Spy," 1970).

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20. Steyr-Mannlicher AUG

This 1978 Austrian assault rifle design not only used the modern "bullpup" configuration, but was the first to make extensive use of plastic parts—not only in the stock and handle, but in the firing mechanism. See also the comments on this weapon in "Sighting Methods with the M16" in Vol. 03's File 13 (Story #318, "Bionic Soldier," 1993).

- **FN-FAL**
Made by Belgium's Fabrique Nationale for over half a century and firing the 7.62 x 51mm NATO cartridge (see M14, above), the FN-FAL is perhaps the most widely-used assault rifle in the world, having been adopted into service in over 90 countries. Consequently it has been seen in several *Golgo 13* stories (Story #61, "Accidental" 1972; Story #308, "Masterpiece Assault Rifle," 1992, et al.).

- **FIM-92 Stinger**
A portable ground-to-air missile launcher which can be carried and fired by a single soldier; the heat-seeking Stinger, made by Rayethon, can hit an aircraft at a range of up to 4800m and altitude of 3800m. Golgo was able to divert one fired at his helicopter in Zaire (possibly from the supply of Stingers the CIA issued to UNITA anti-Communist forces in the late 1980s) by igniting a can of gasoline dropped out the cockpit with a gunshot (Story #339, "Stinger," 1995).

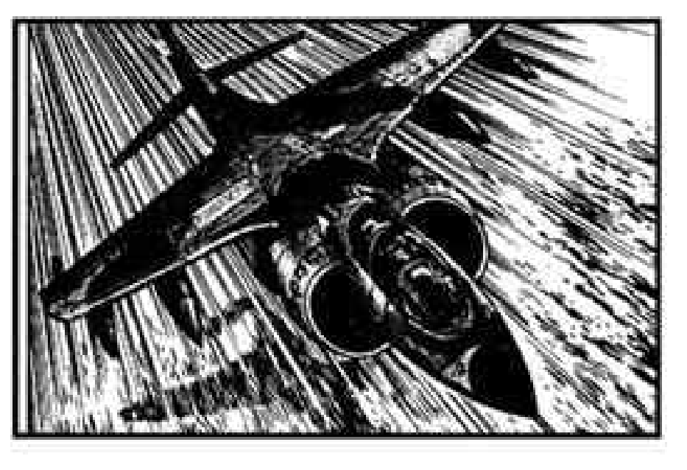
- **AIM-9 Sidewinder**
Extremely effective and practical air-to-air missile design, first developed by the U.S. Navy in 1952 and still in use today. Golgo took advantage of the Harrier's hover ability (see above) to shoot down a Argentine Air Force Sidewinder launched at his escape plane during the Falklands War (Story #188, "The Argentine Tiger," 1982).

- **Antitank Rifle**
Although heavy rifles were used to penetrate tank armor up through the early years of WWII, weapons of this type subsequently became inadequate and were superseded for infantry purposes by rocket launchers and recoilless rifles. Golgo, however, was able to use a 1941 Soviet vintage weapon to defeat a modern T-72 (see below) by firing directly down the tank's barrel (Story #302, "Revelation of a Coup d' État," 1991).

- **Spetsnaz Knife**
Also known as a ballistic knife; a combat knife where the blade can also be spring-launched at a target up to 10 m away. The weapon is said to have been issued to Spetsnaz (Russian special forces) units in the 1980s (Story #322, "Wasteland of Lines and Tangents," 1993).

- **Blow Gun/Bow and Arrow**
Countless human beings have been killed over the millennia by these simple and quiet weapons, and Golgo 13 has used them both professionally and out of necessity (Story #159, "Mesrine's Cat," 1980, Story #317, "Black Star," 1993).

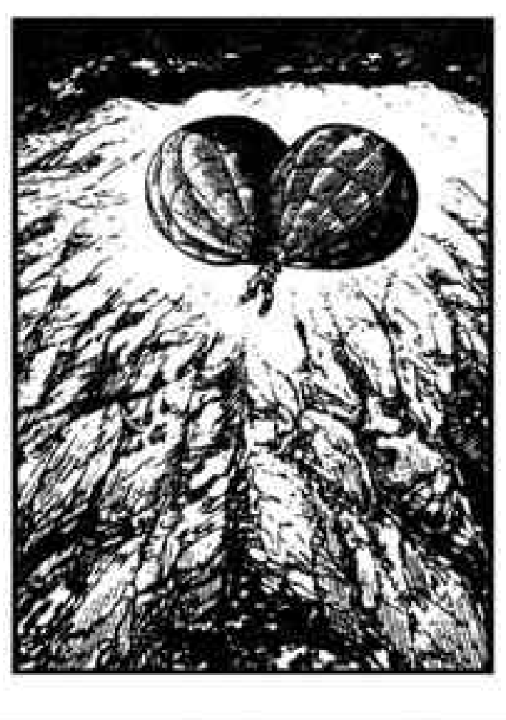
16. Hawker-Siddley Harrier Jet



British-designed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) jet fighter used to insert and extract Golgo 13 for a mission in Argentine territory during the 1982 Falklands War. Ironically (see anecdote about the AIM-9 Sidewinder below) Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stated after the war that the U.S.'s decision to supply British Harriers during the conflict with a more advanced version of the Sidewinder than Argentina's jets possessed was a critical factor in the U.K. victory (Story #188, "The Argentine Tiger," 1982).

17. Single-Man Balloon

Golgo employed this device to infiltrate a cliff-top guerilla camp—it is rumored to be used by the U.S. Army's Delta Force to aid in extractions, with the operator's balloon being then hooked by a plane at low altitude (Story #274, "Assassination Instructor of the North," 1989).



G's Analects:

"Whenever I sleep with a woman... I'm always the one to choose."

(Special Edition Story #10, "A Glamorous Night in Acapulco," 1978)

SPECIAL GLOSSARY

Caliber

Diameter of the inside of the barrel in hundreds of an inch. Metric gun measurements give both barrel diameter and length of the cartridge case (not including the actual bullet). Hence Golgo's M16 is .223 caliber, but usually stated metrically as 5.56 x 45 mm.

Rifling

Spiral grooves cut into the inside (bore) of a gun barrel, for the purpose of imparting a spin to the bullet and thus stabilizing its flight. Depending on the ammunition, there are different ideal pitches at which the grooves are to be carved.

NATO ammunition

Ammunition standardized among various members of NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the primary Western defense league) for ease of resupply and mutual support. The first NATO rifle round was the heavier 7.62 x 51 mm used in the M14 (see above) but the M16 5.56 x 45 mm round was later added.

Underwater gunshot

An occasion was noted (Story #193, "The Kremlin Roster," 1983) where Golgo carried out an assassination by firing from an underwater position at dockside, using a turnbolt carbine.

Ricochet

In close-quarters interior combat, the ricochet effect of bouncing a bullet indirectly at a target is sometimes employed; Golgo has used this successfully several times with a rifle as well, most infamously in Saudi Arabia (Story #194, "The 110°Angle," 1983).

Depleted Uranium

Ultra-dense rounds, most frequently used in tanks, that can also ignite when impacting at high velocity. Controversial due to evidence they expose the battlefield to toxic pollutants (Story #347, "Legacy," 1995).

Poison Gas

There are two major categories: those designed to kill, such as sarin and VX, and those designed to injure and maim, such as mustard gas. Both have been used for military and terrorist purposes on occasions throughout the *Golgo 13* saga, as well as in the wars and incidents of the last century.

- **J.G. Anschütz GmbH & Co. KG**
The Ulm, Germany firm of Anschütz styles itself as "Die Meister Macher" of Olympic competition and match rifles, and Golgo has been meeting them in the hands of rivals and targets for decades; the 1996 Atlanta incident (see listing for Accelerator Bullet below) above involved an Anschütz, but such encounters go back to the first year of his career (Story #12, "Sniping GT," 1969)

- **Starlight Scope**
Rarely used by Golgo, who typically makes daylight kills (as most of his targets are civilians not expecting danger), a starlight scope electronically enhances available evening light; compare to infrared scopes, which in low visible light instead rely on spotting body heat (Story #111, "Frozen Strait," 1976).

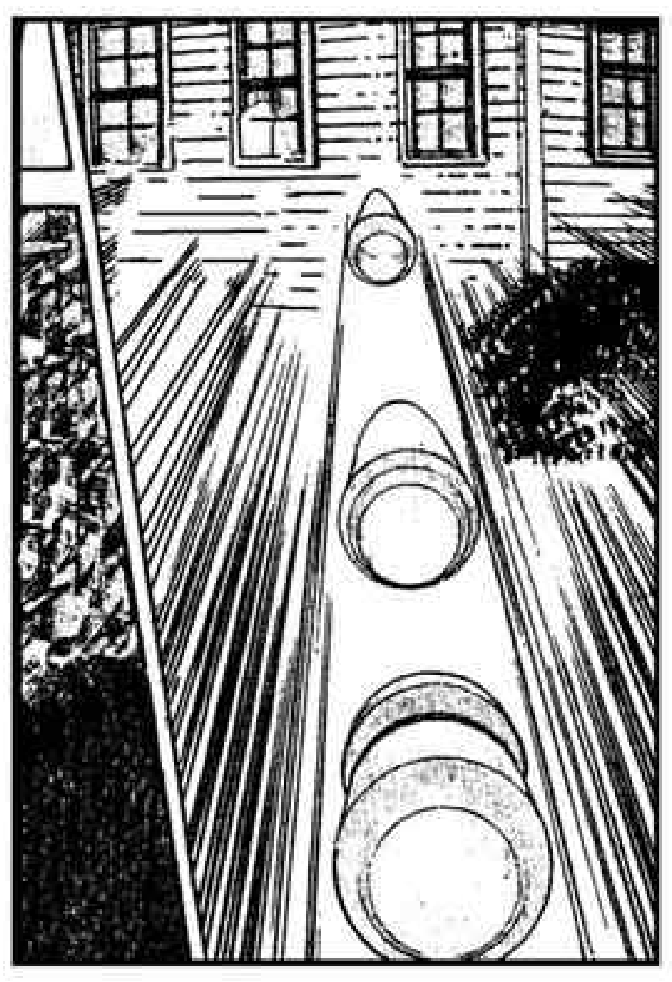
- **Accelerator Bullet**
A method of firing a smaller hypervelocity round out of a larger bore by seating the round in a discarding plastic sabot of proper diameter and then loading into the rifle as usual. Golgo 13 used such a round from his M16 to disable the match target rifle of an athlete at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics (Special Edition Story #48, "Full Mark," 1996).

- **Double Bullet**
During Vietnam, experiments were made with a 7.62mm NATO rifle cartridge that would contain two bullets rather than one—each slug then flying a trajectory at a slight angle to each other. Golgo used one when a job required him to kill two hostage-takers instantly with one shot (Story #252, "A Haste in Lebanon," 1987).

- **Schutz & Larsen 65**
Riflemaker based in Otterup, Denmark; instrumental in developing taper bore weapons during the 1930s. The Model 65, favored by a seajacker Golgo was hired to kill, is not a luxury piece, but is intended for the general market; a notable feature is the ability to load and fire the rifle while wearing cold-weather gloves (Story #55, "Angry Waves," 1972).

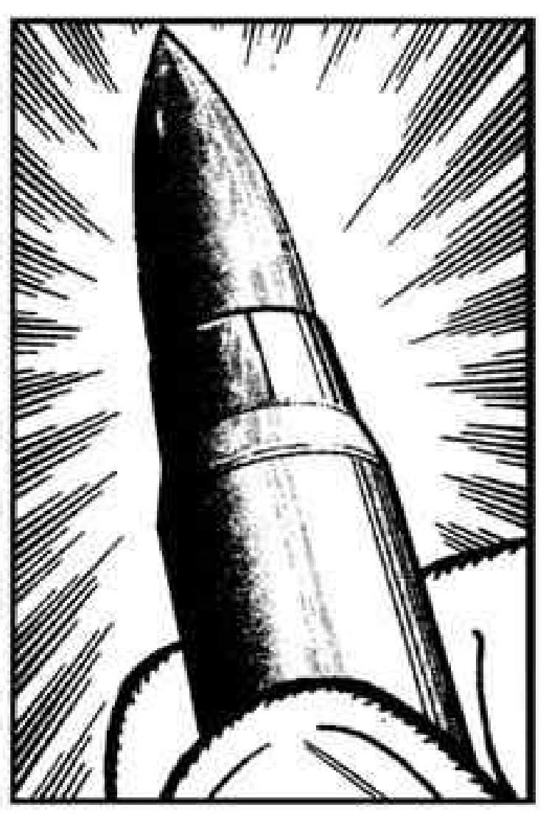
- **RPG-2**
The former Soviet Union's first rocket-propelled grenade launcher, introduced in 1949. Manufactured by North Vietnam under the names B40 and B50, it was a common threat to U.S. troops. The creatively sadistic hitman Mr. Kim attempted to eliminate Golgo with a high explosive anti-tank round launched from a RPG-2 (Story #177, "Ebony Eyes," 1981).

21. Skeet Mine



Golgo rigged this highly lethal antipersonnel device in a tree branch, to be set off at a safe distance by him with a pistol shot. As represented by the U.S. CBU-97/B Sensor Fuzed Weapon, ten bomblets are released upon the mine's first firing, each carrying four "skeet" warheads. The warheads, released at random by centrifugal force, carry infrared sensors that acquire heat sources—vehicles or humans—and then detonates above the source. The weapon is capable of wiping out targets within a 35-meter radius of detonation (Special Edition Story #44, "God Hand," 1995).

22. AK93



Apparently fictional(?) ammunition based on a Russian submarine torpedo using a similar principle: the torpedo emits gas from its head to reduce water resistance, a phenomenon known as the cavitation effect. (Story #322, "Wasteland of Lines and Tangents," 1993).

One time in a cheap hotel in Paraguay, Golgo was assembling his M16, getting ready for a hit, when moans of passion began to drift from behind the thin wall of the next room over. But Golgo is so cool he just kept assembling. (Story #173, "Boiling Point," 1981)